

FAIRY TAIL

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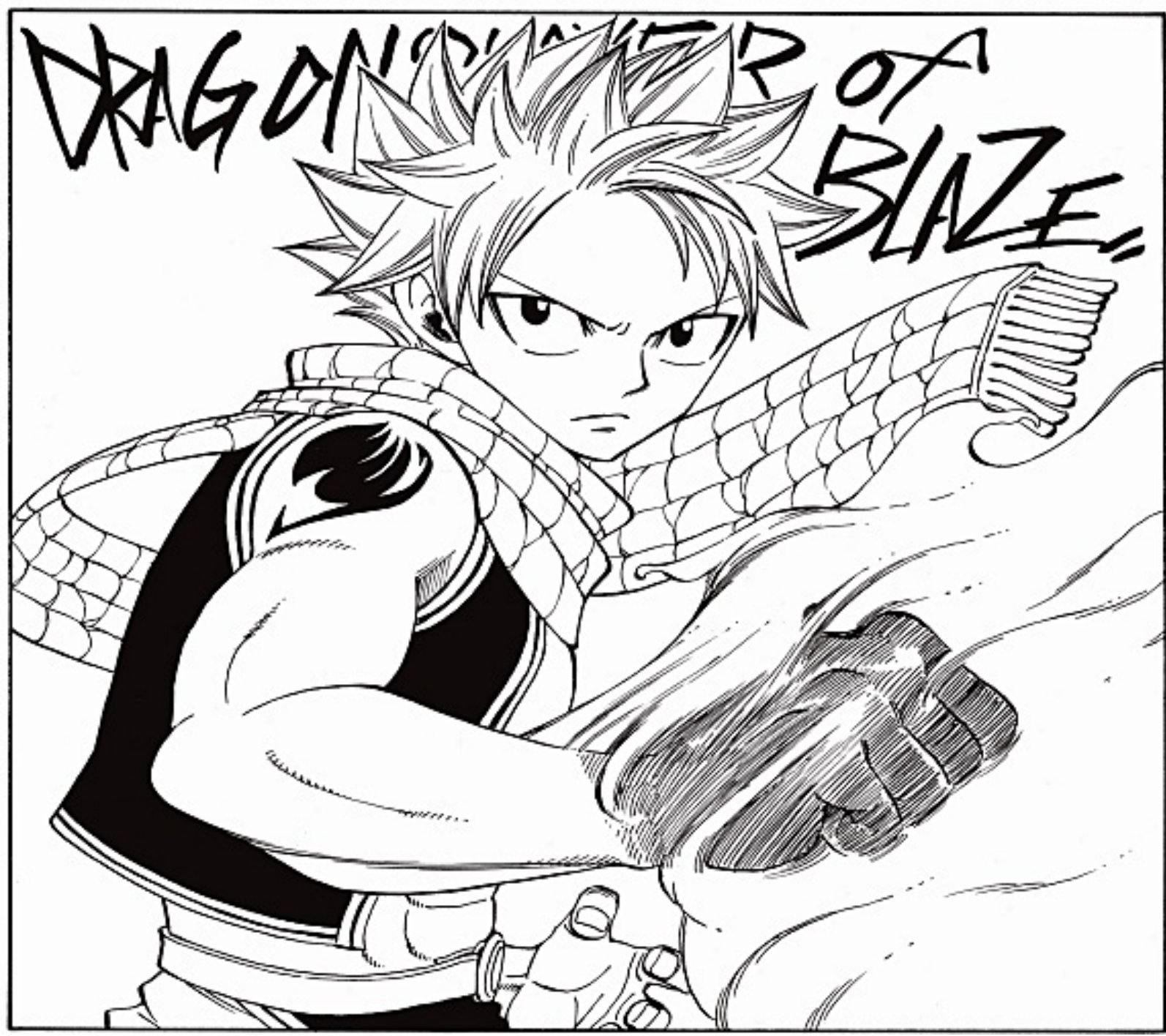
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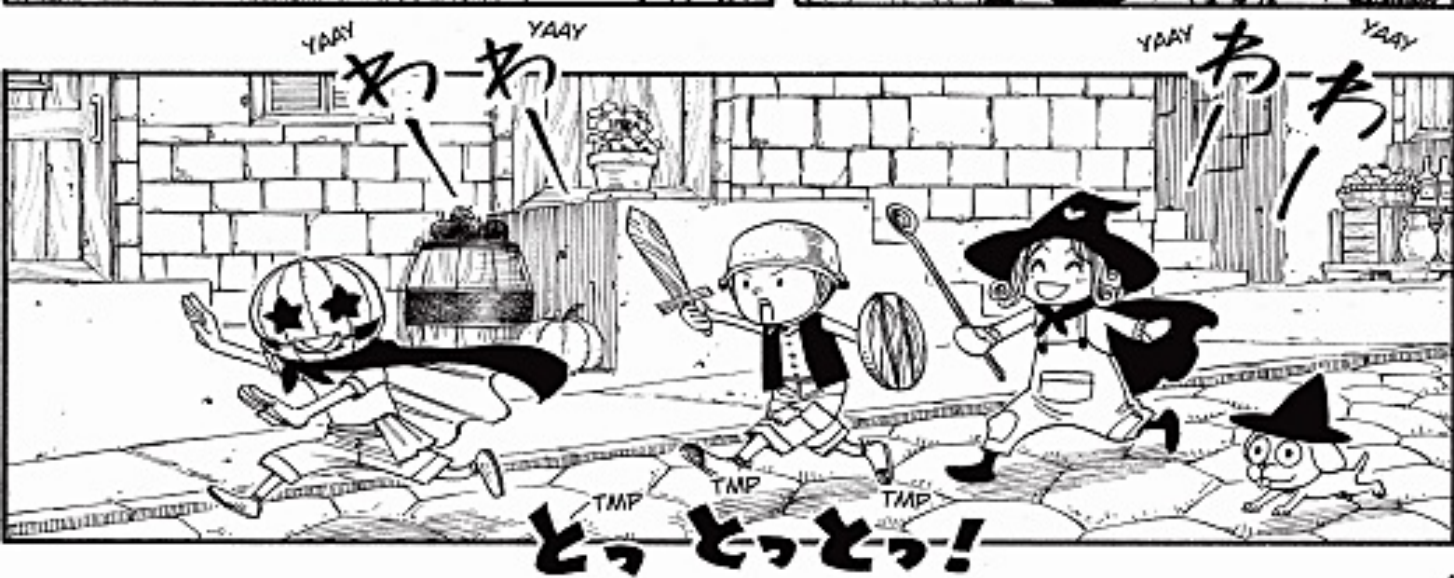
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Chapter 127: Sacrifice for Justice





Rumor has it
the master's
not doing too
well.

It is probably
because of all that
ruckus that went
on in the guild
yesterday.

Did
something
happen to
cause it?

I hear
Fantasia has
been delayed
until tomorrow
night.

I've got no clue
about that, but
normally you'd think
Lexus, right?

Who's
gonna be
the next
master?!

Hey, wait! That
doesn't mean
the master's
gonna retire,
does it...?

Shows you
how old
we are!

Ha
ha
ha!

We've
known him
ever since
he was a
kid...

It really
makes a guy
remember
the old
days, huh?

That loose
cannon as
master?



I ask that you all keep that in mind.

But the master is no young man. If we pile on too many strains, he could take a turn for the worse.

That old man won't go out so easily!

That's wonderful! I was really worried for a while there!

You know that you're a *participant*, right?

Juvia has been hoping to see Fantasia!

Huh ?!

And you could say that his condition calls for something like this.

It's what the master wants...

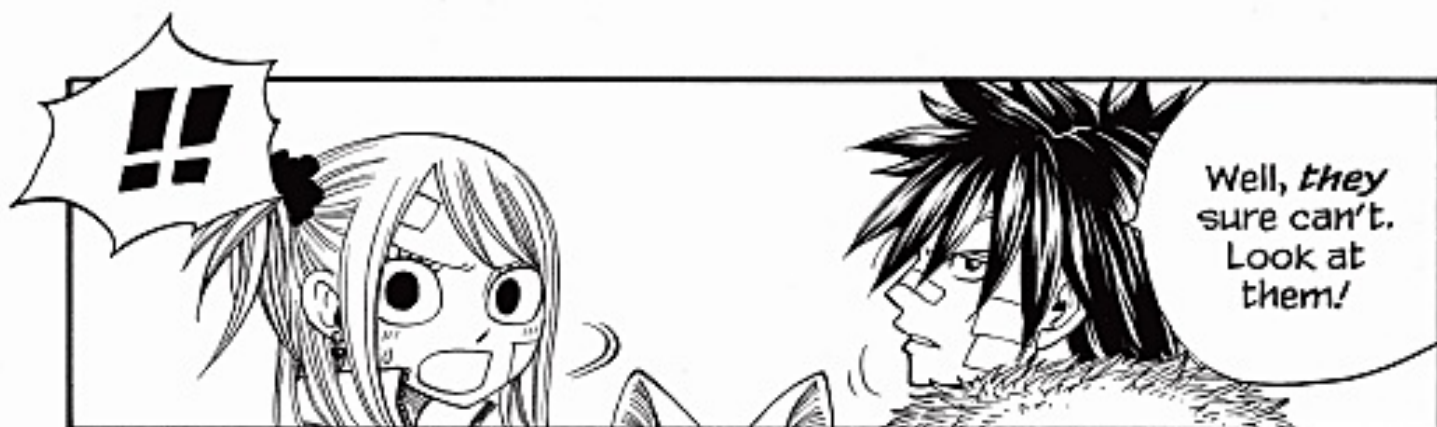
But we'll still go through with Fantasia in his condition?

Then I'm in it too?!

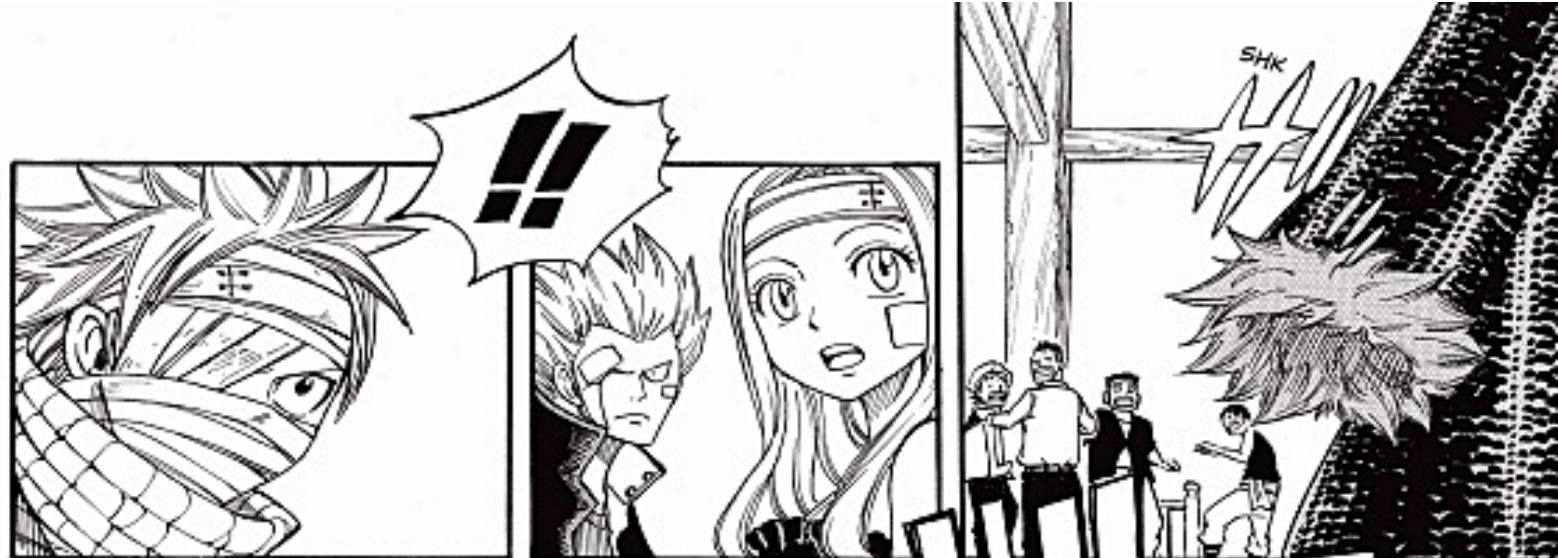
PULLN!

With all the injured, anybody who can stand on their own feet is expected to participate.

But Juvia just joined!







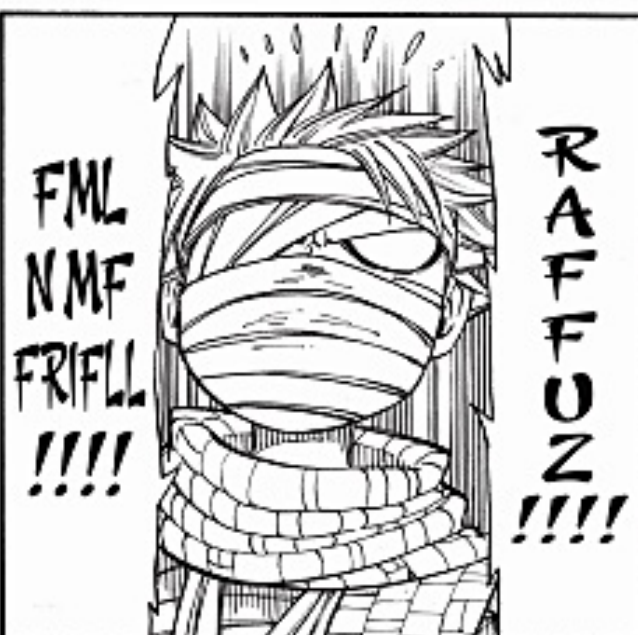


He's
in the
clinic in
back.

Hey,
Erza!!!



Leave
him be.



FML
NMF
FRILL
!!!!

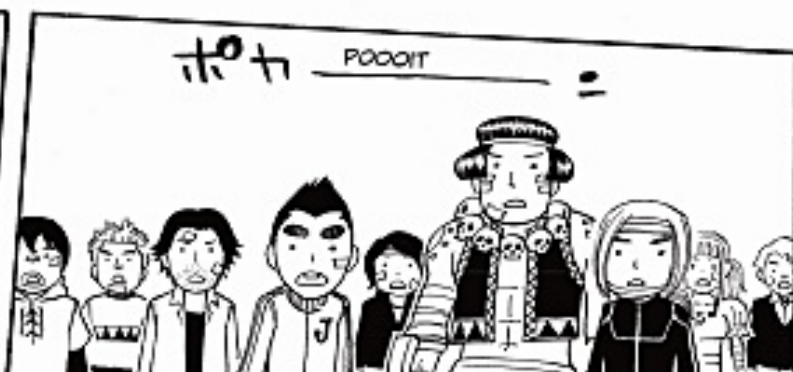
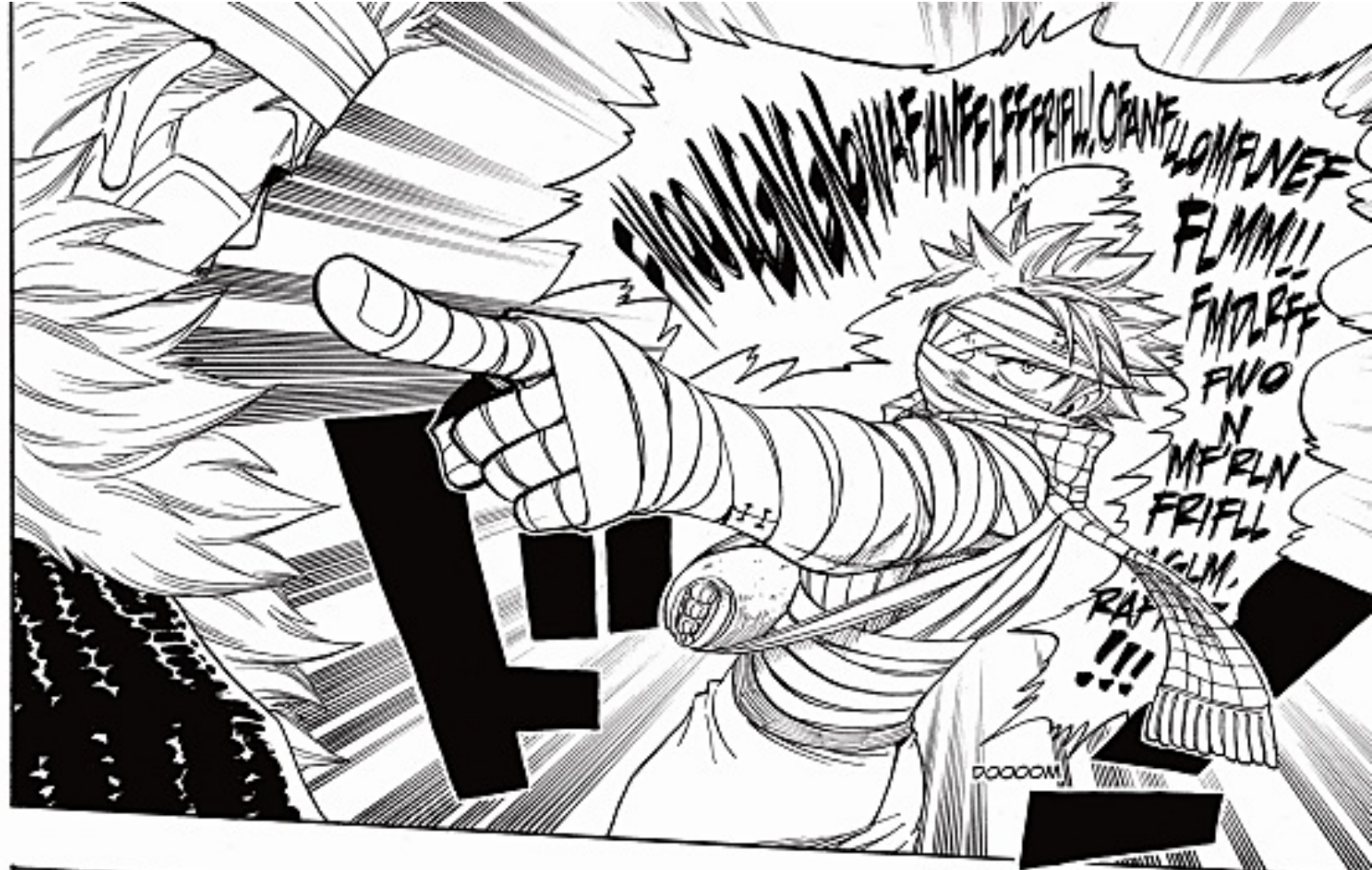
RAFFUZ
!!!!

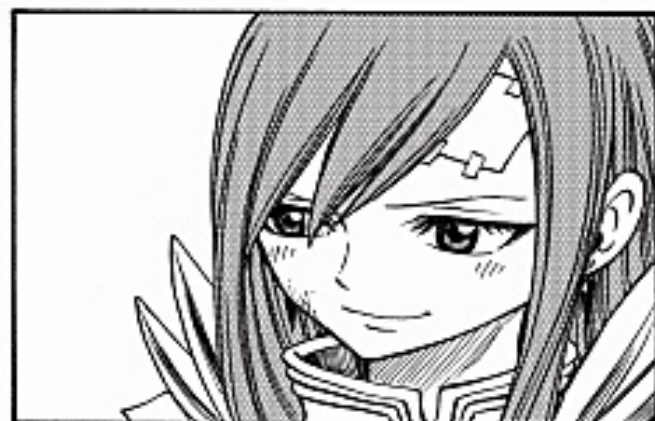
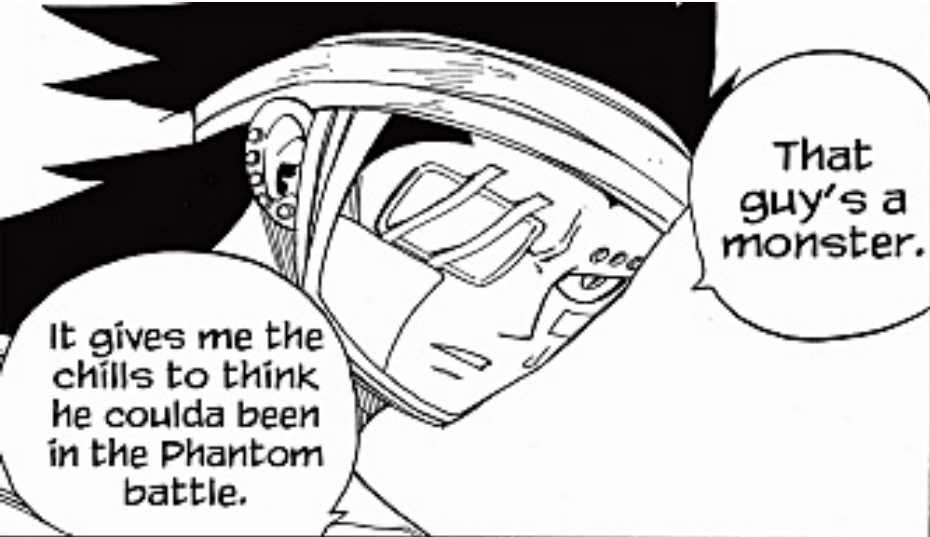


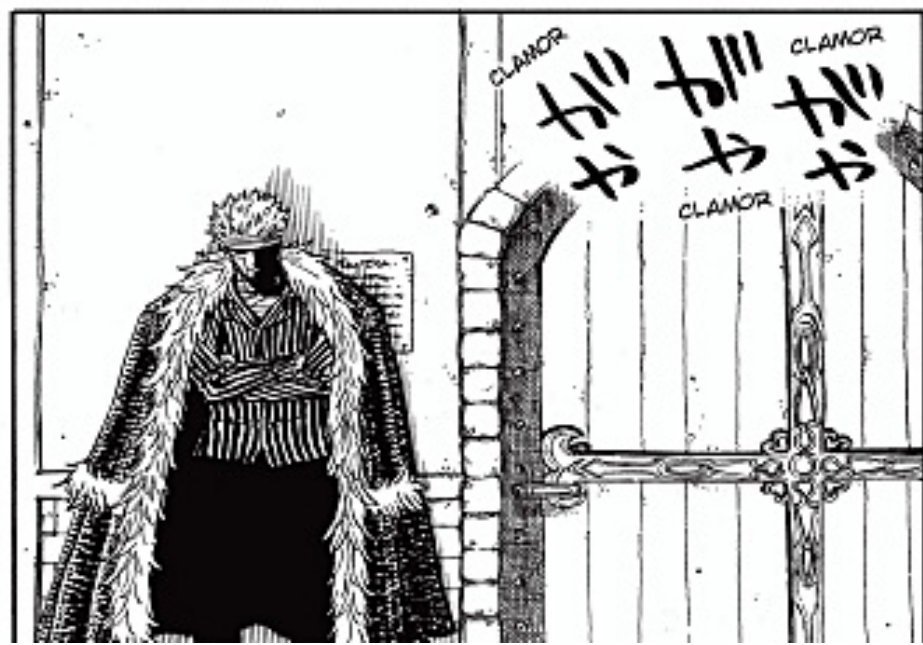
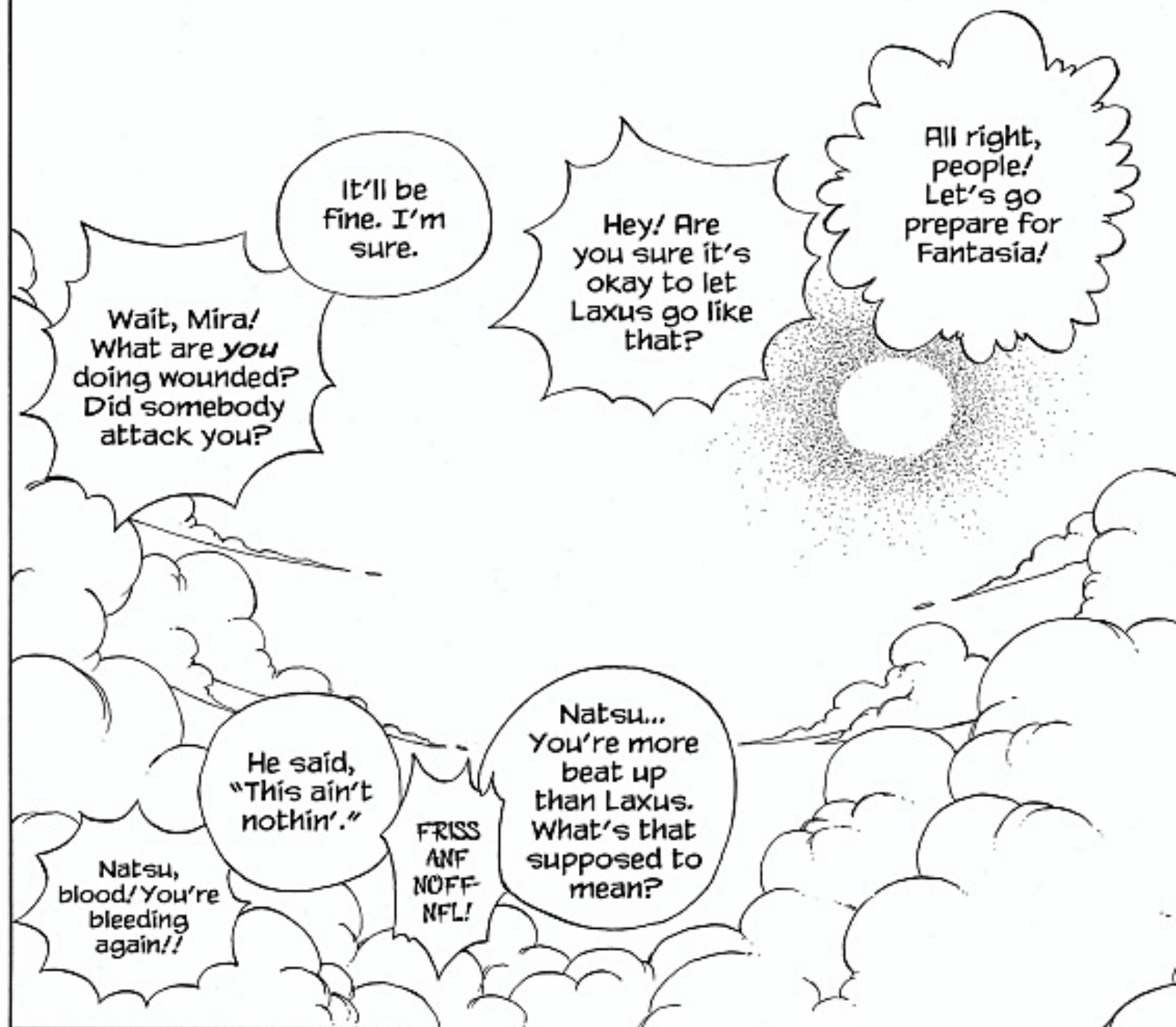
Natsu
...



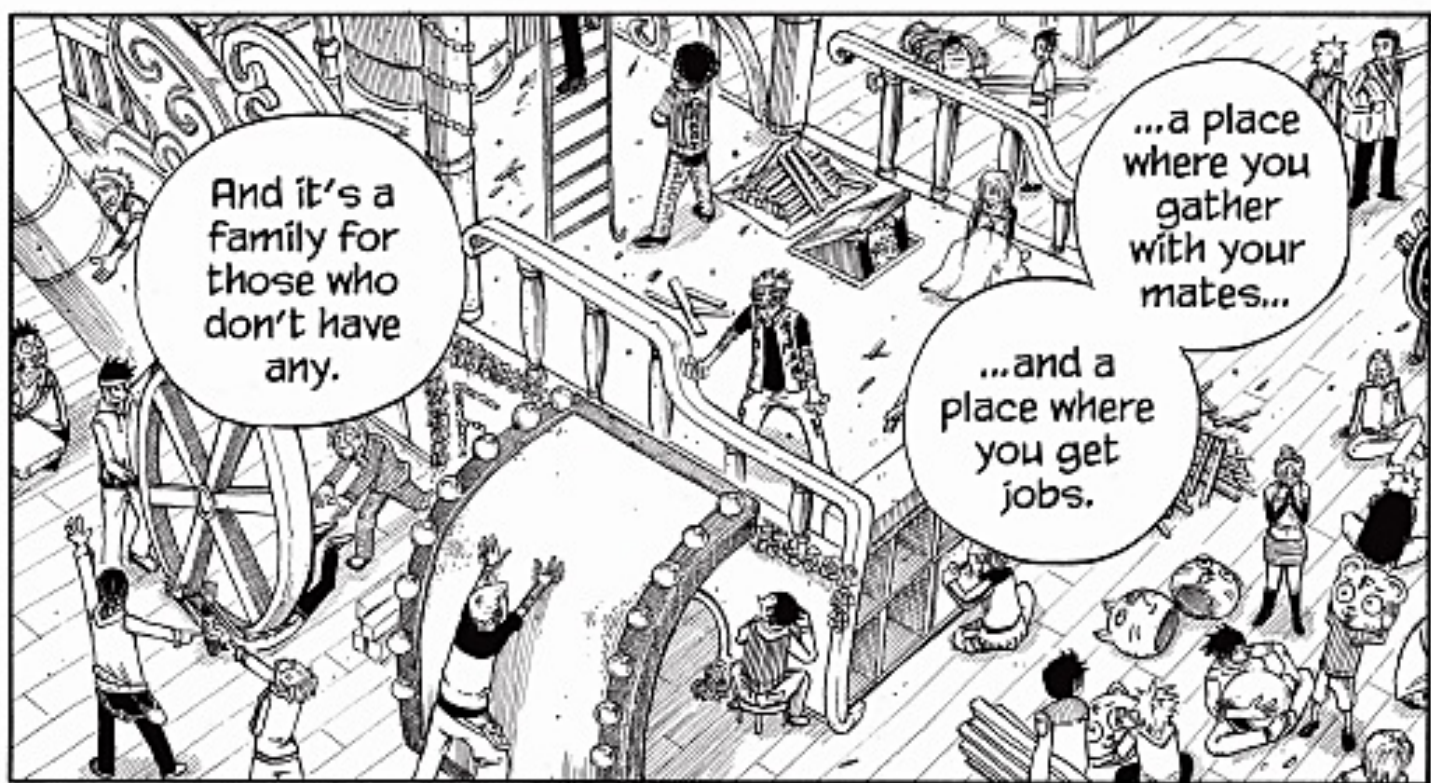
SKRRACH











That isn't
something
that can be
overlooked.

You broke
with that
integrity and
threatened
the lives of
your guild
mates.



***I know
that!***



...wanted to
make a...
stronger
guild...!



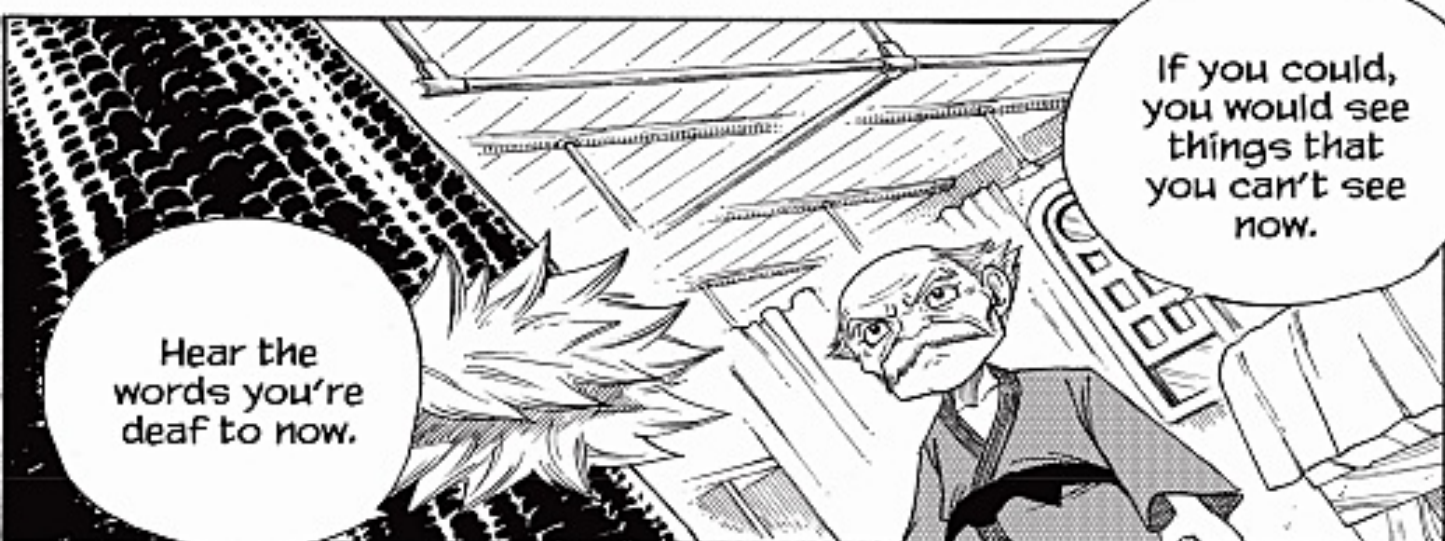
I
just...



Can't you
lighten up
even a little?

It's amazing
how clumsy
you are dealing
with people...

TOK



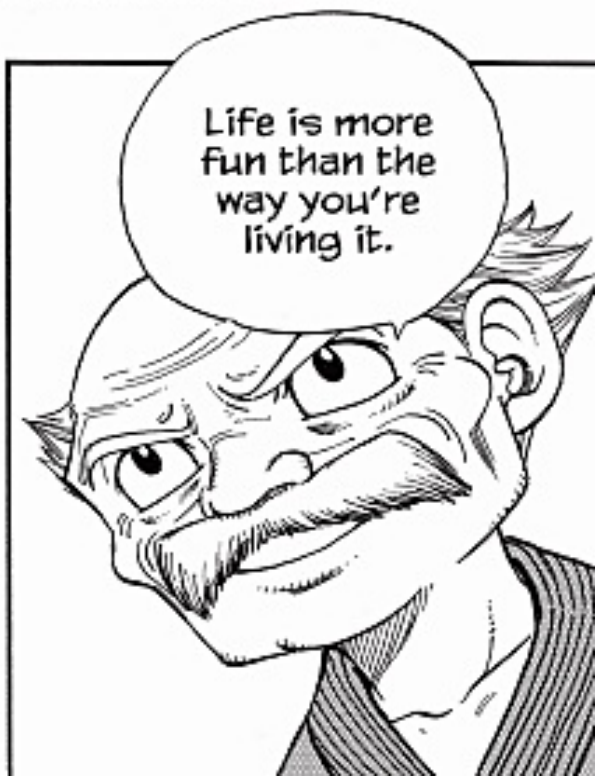
Hear the
words you're
deaf to now.

If you could,
you would see
things that
you can't see
now.



You
didn't need
strength.
Be stupid
for all I
care...

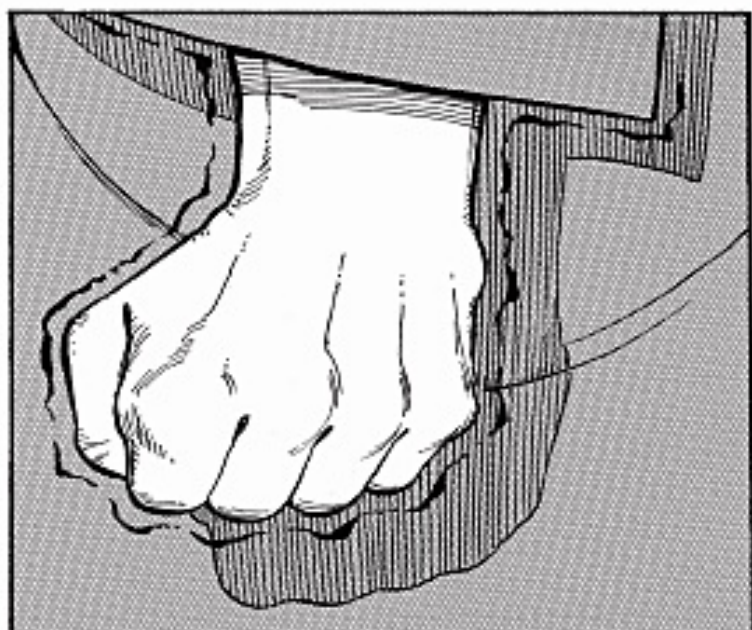
You know I...
lived to watch
the way you
grew up.



Life is more
fun than the
way you're
living it.

*... that
was all
I was
hoping
for.*

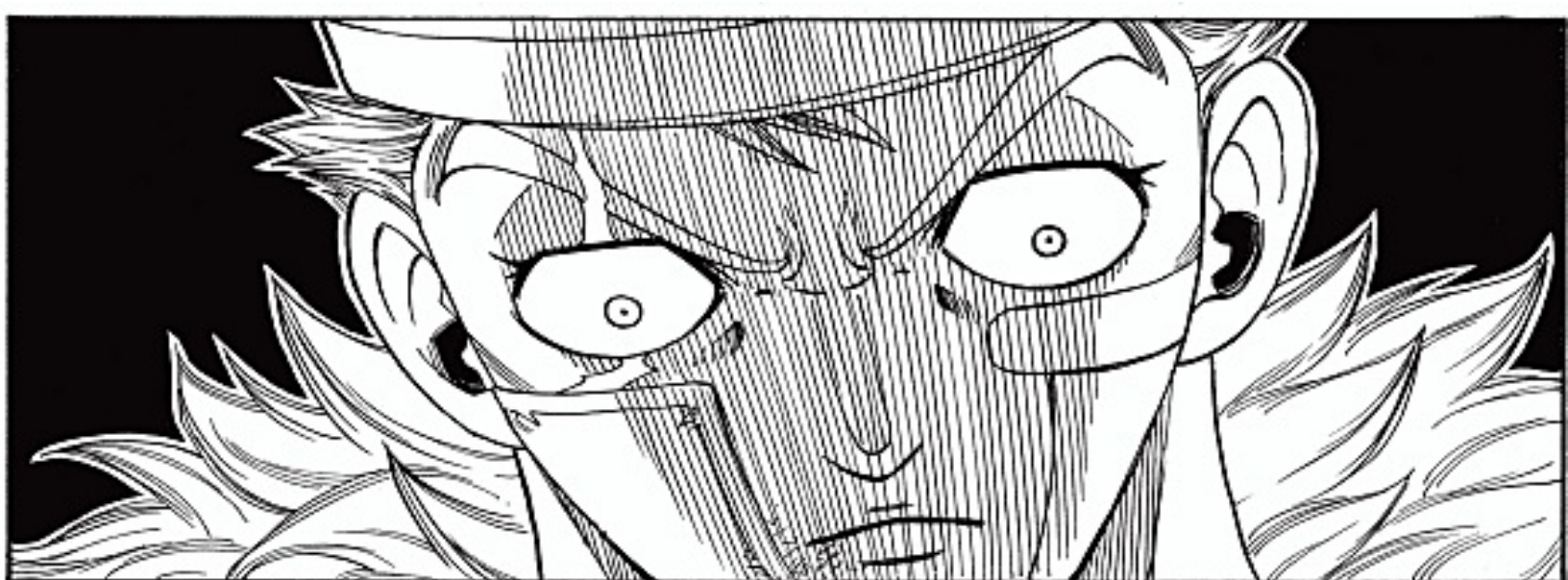
*But as
long as
you were
full of
energy
...*



Lexus!

**YOU ARE
EXPELLED!**

FWOOM





Take
care of
yourself,
okay?

GET
OUT
...!



AIOA...

AIOA...

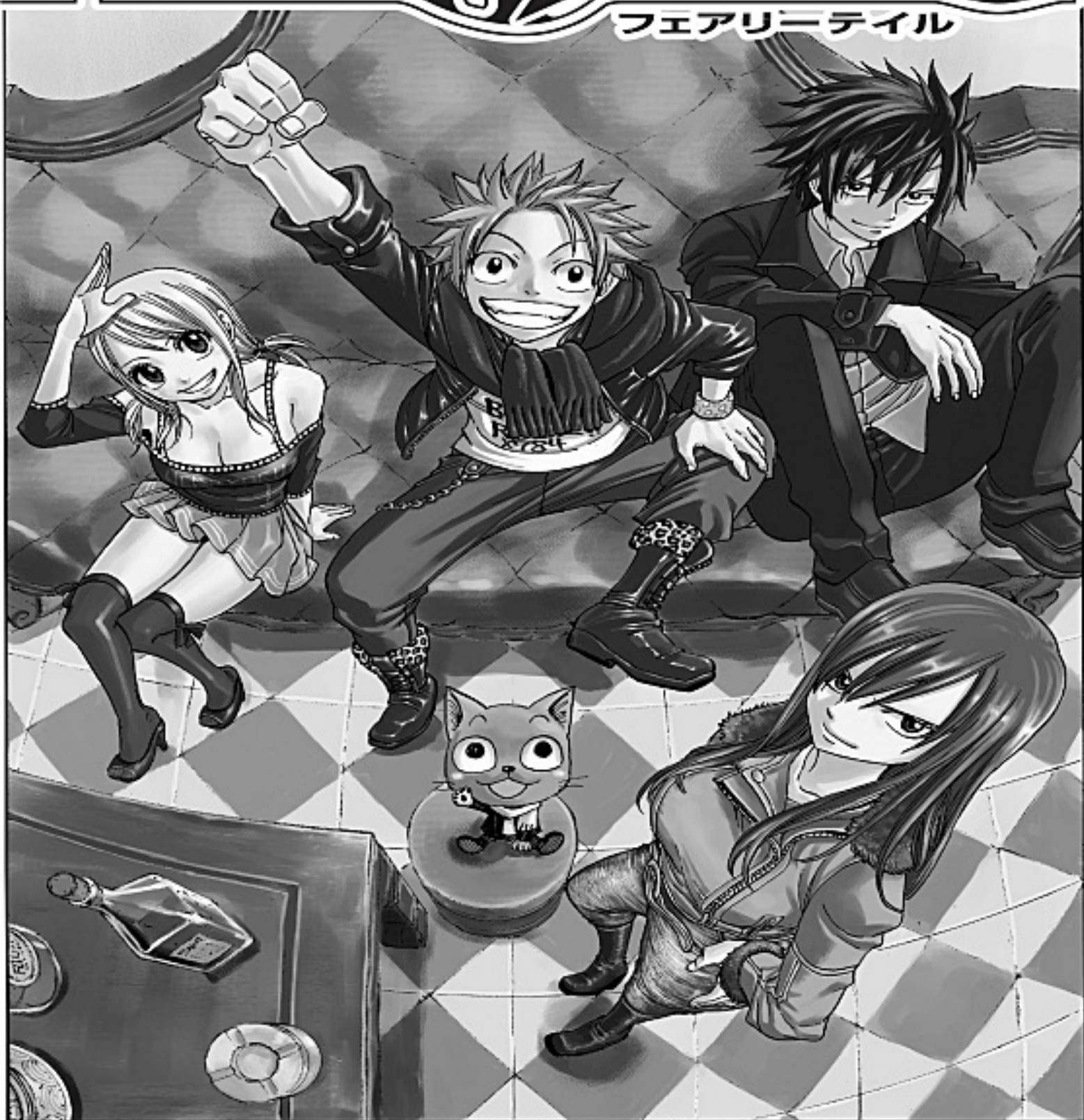
AIOA...

AIOA...



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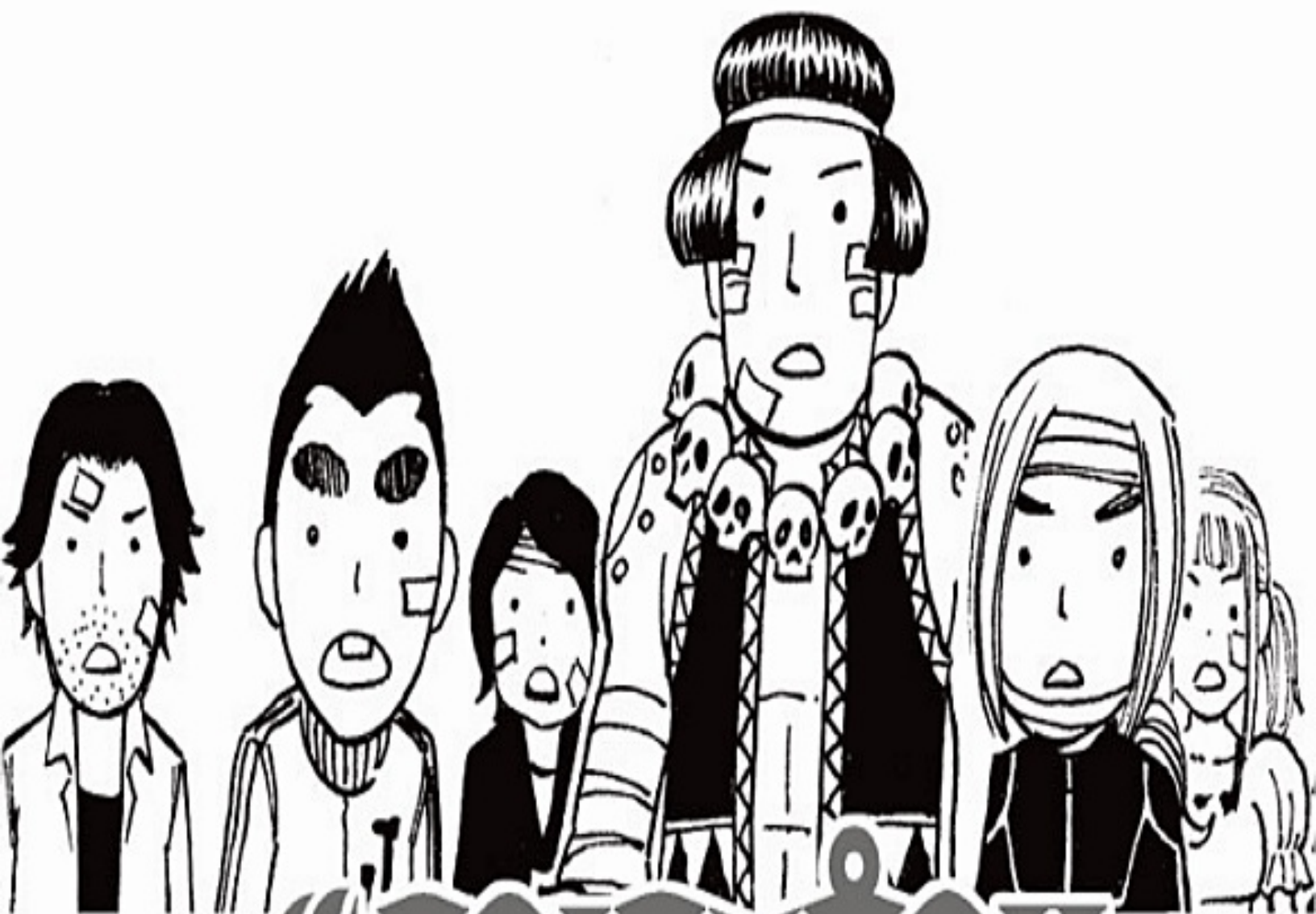
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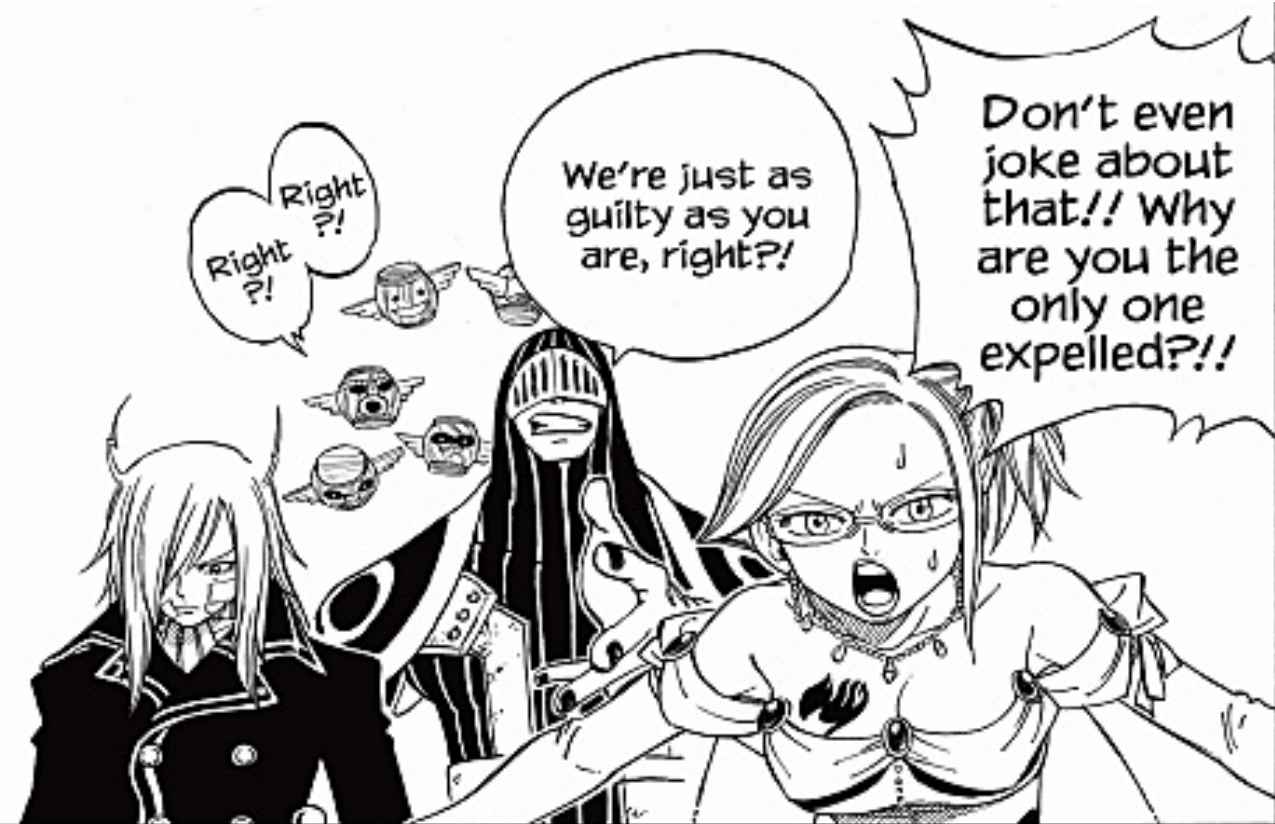


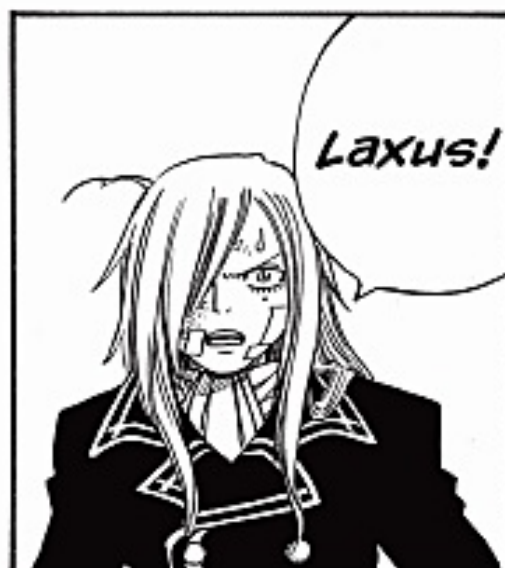
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POOOOOIT





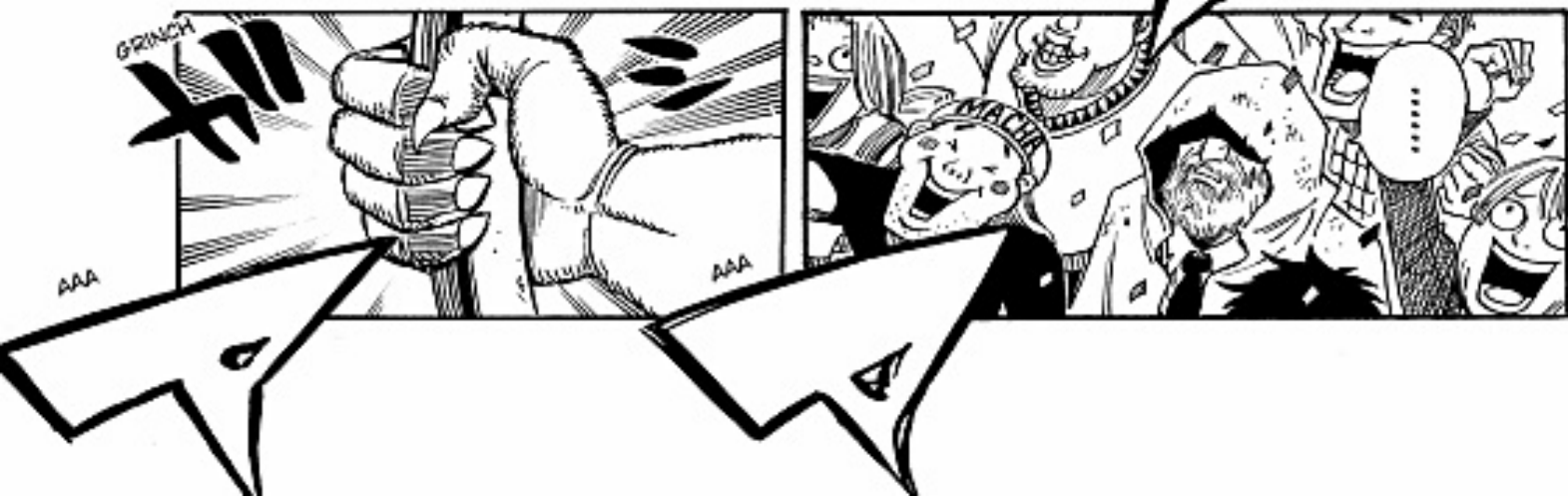
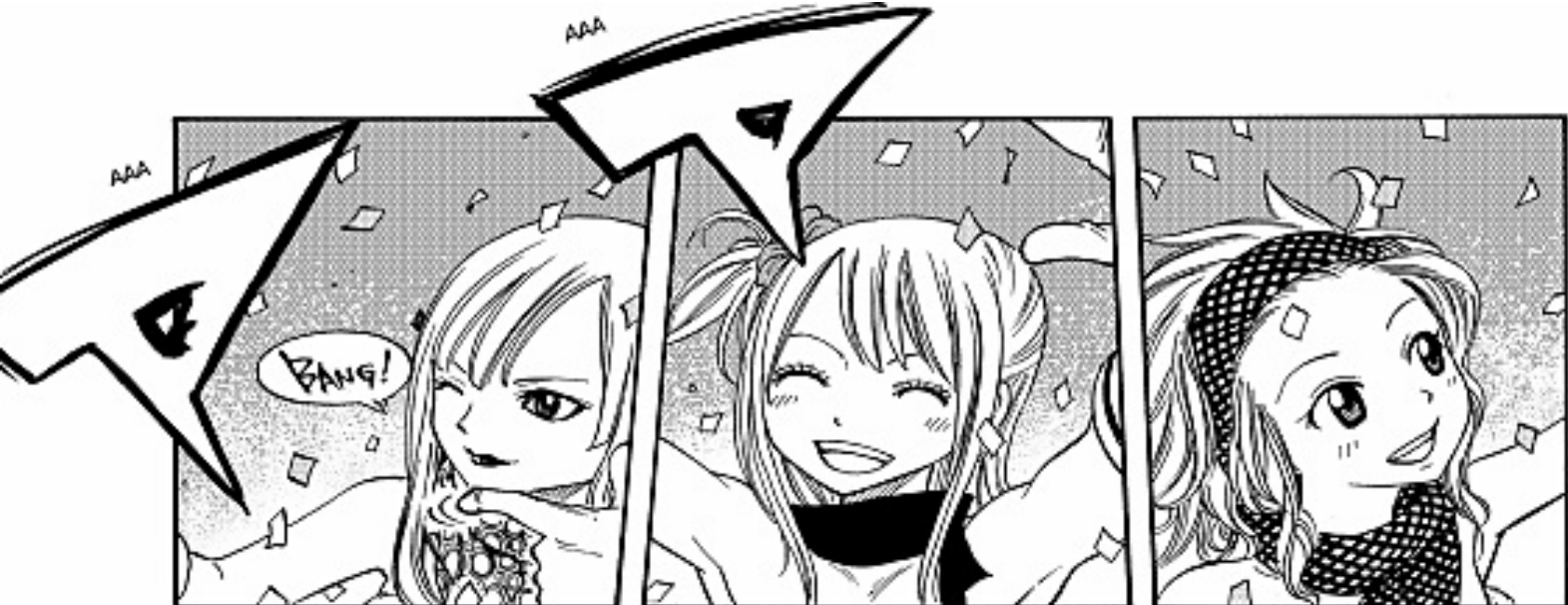


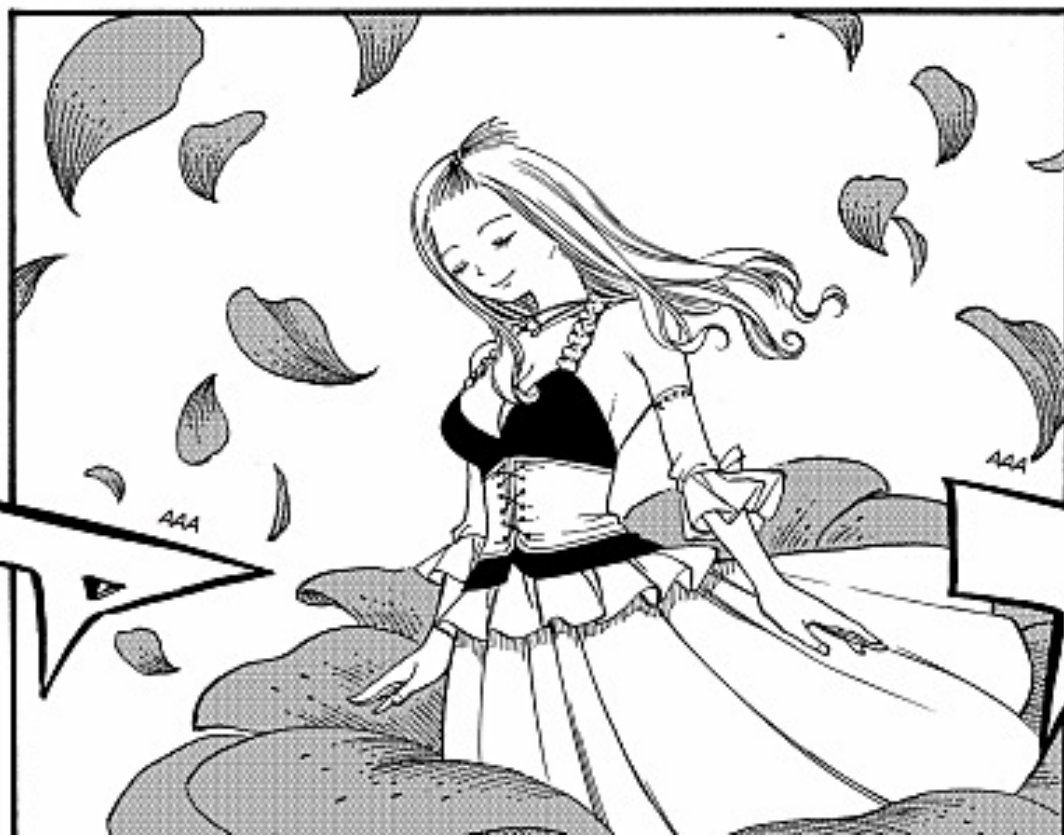




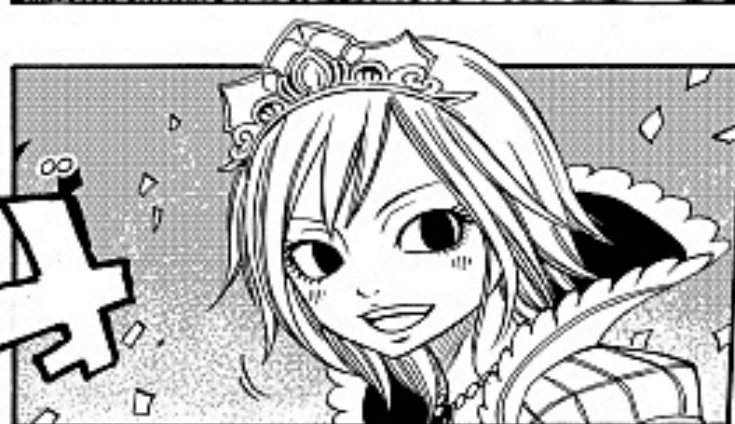


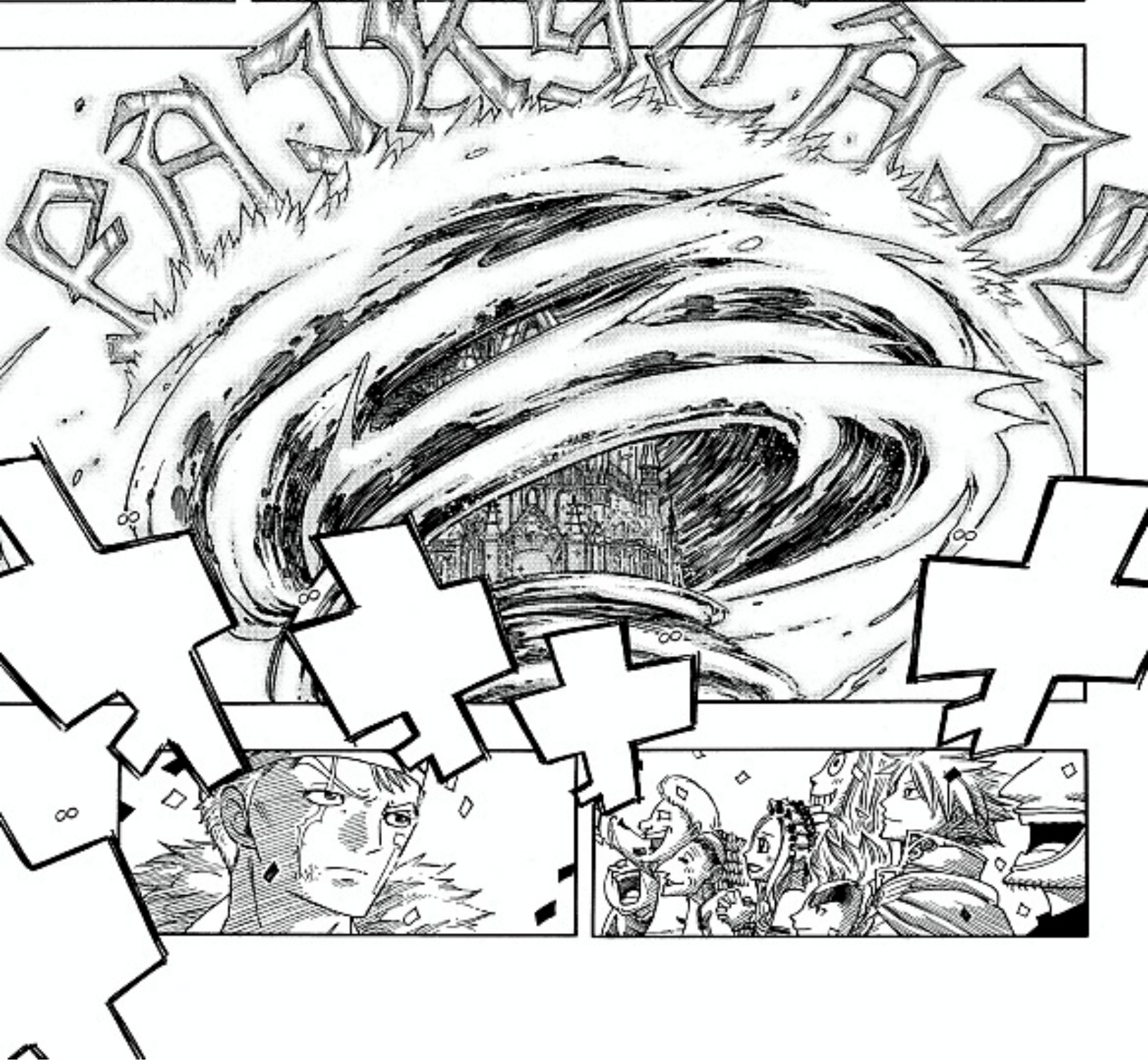
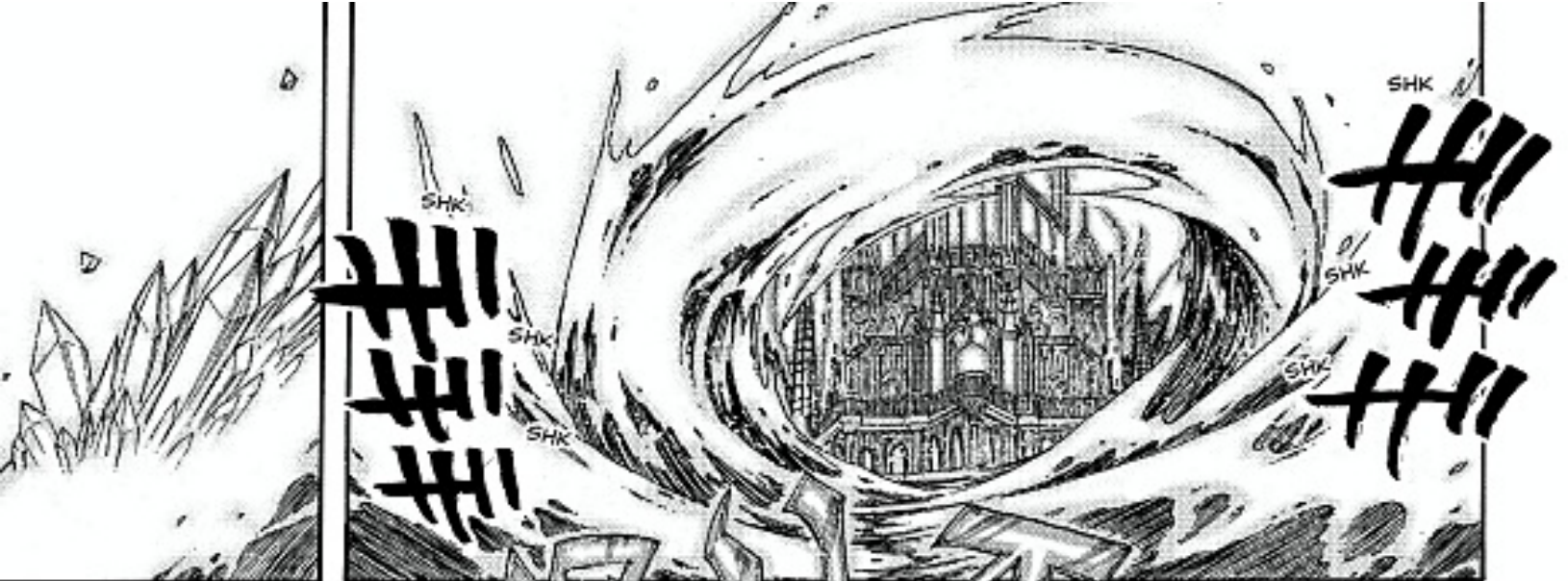






















Natsu!
How'd
you get
so beaten
up?!

C-Cut it
out! You're
messing up
the words!!

Ah
ha
ha
ha!



The
master's
here!!

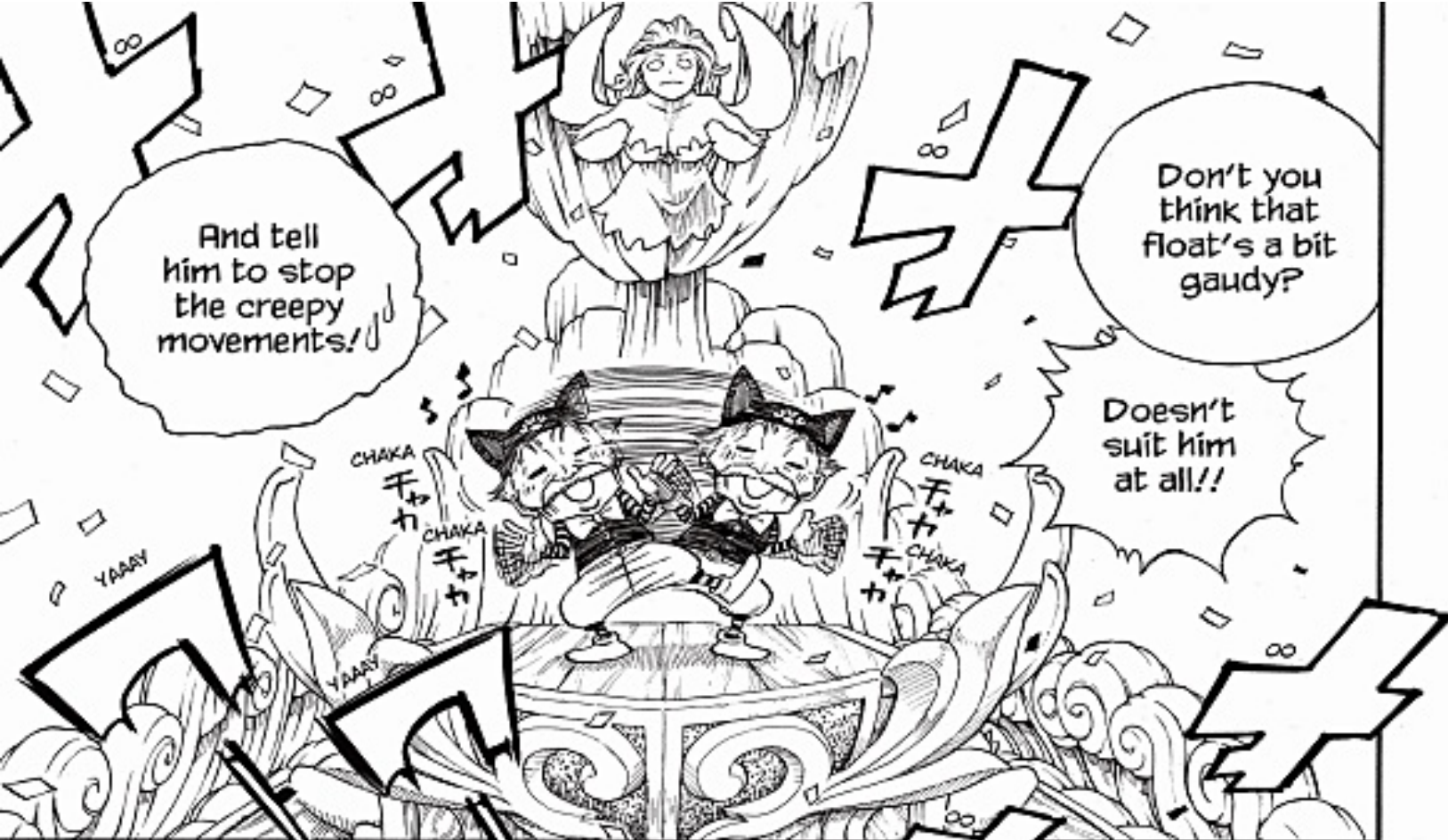
It's the
master!

YAAAY

YAAAY

YAAAY

YAAAY





What's that supposed to be?

It's a message !!



...I'll just do this!!!

Okay, then...right in the middle of the parade...



...it'll be proof that I'll always be looking out for you!

It'll mean that even if I can't see you then...



Gramps!

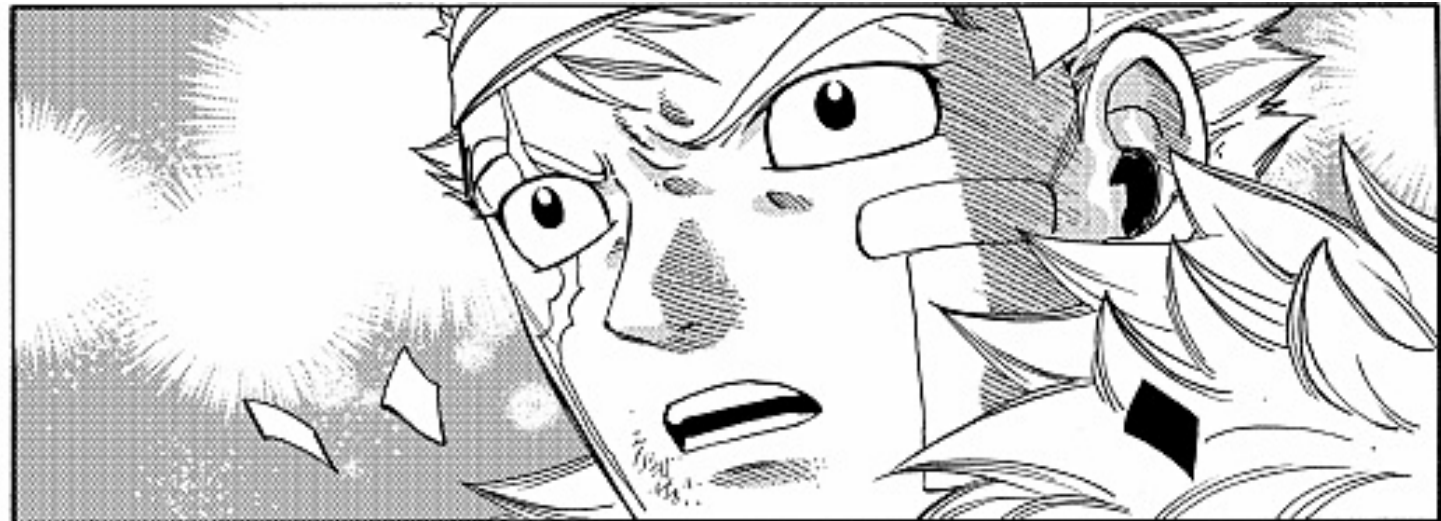
So keep your eyes peeled ...



Lexus...







Gramps...





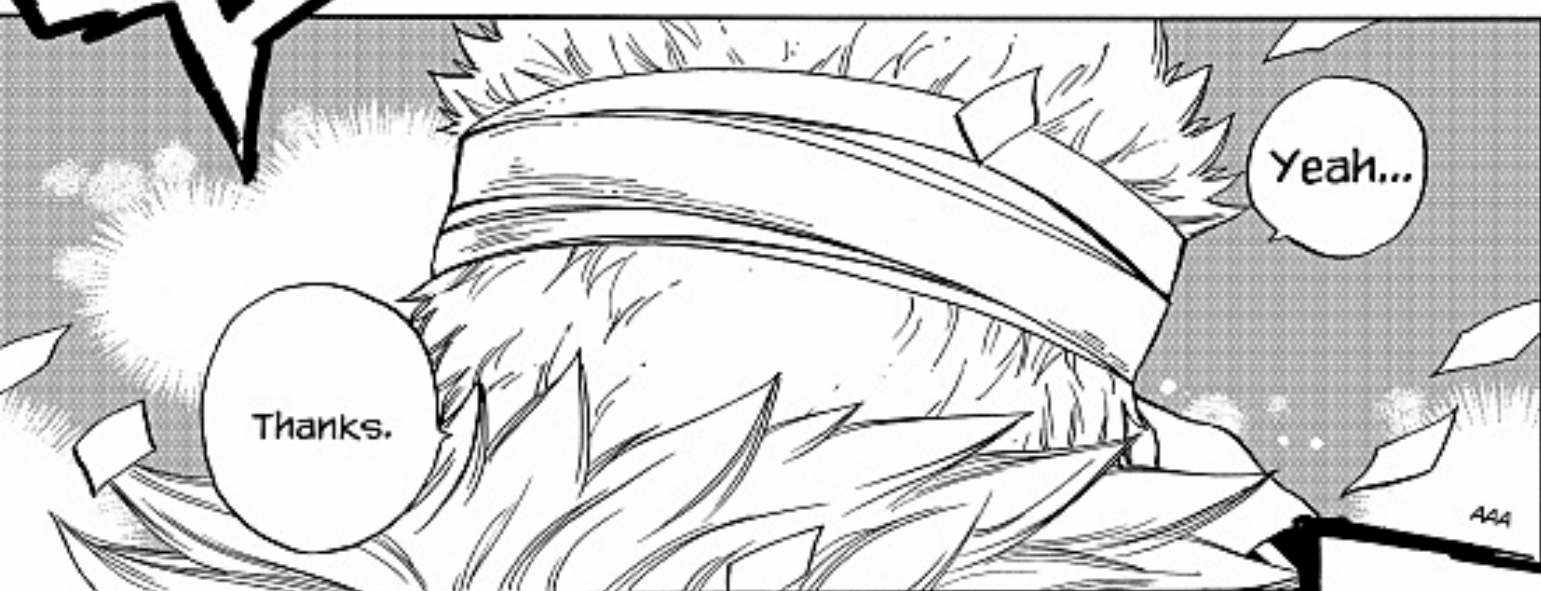
It means
even if I
can't see
you...

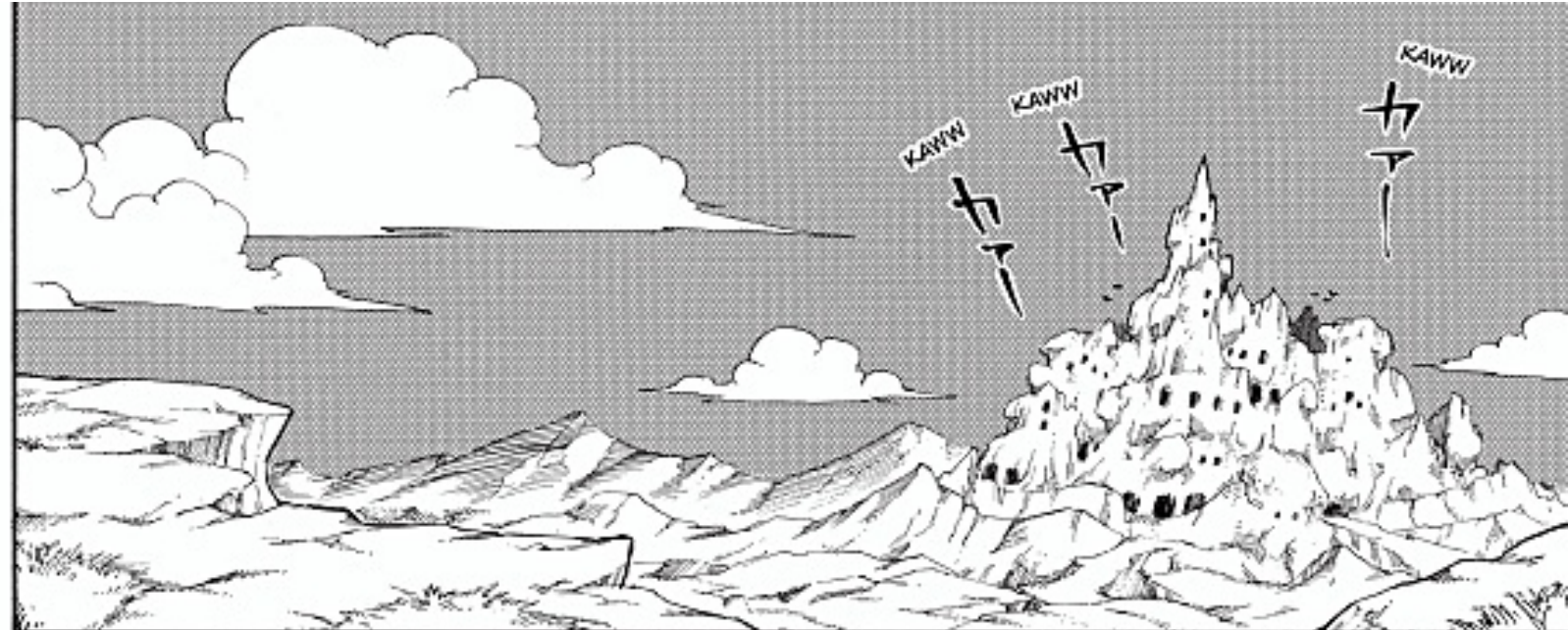
Even if you
have gone
far, far
away...

...be
looking
out for
you.

...I will
always...

Now and
forever,
I'll...







The most beautiful are also the most short lived.





*My little
fake!*

*He's
just a
fake!*

LAXUS'S FATHER
DARK GUILD RAVEN TAIL
MASTER IVAN



So I took pity
on the wretch
and buried a
lacrima crystal
in Laxus's
body.

He's had
a weak
constitution
since
he was
little.



A
fake?



The
timing's
perfect!

Now
that he's
expelled,
he'll be
coming
here.

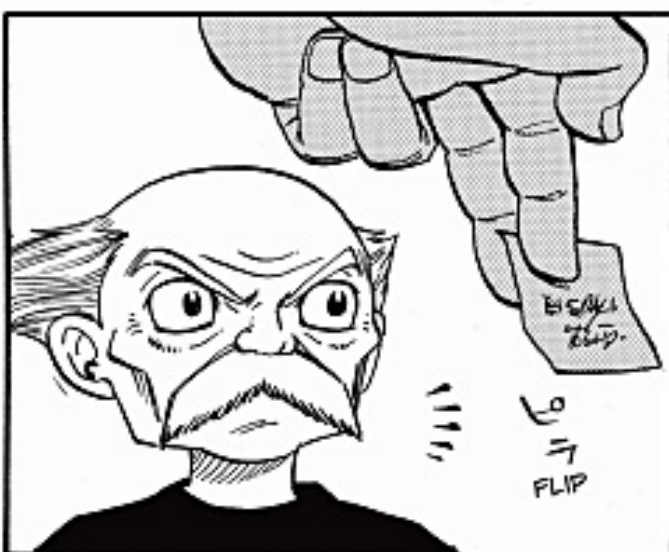
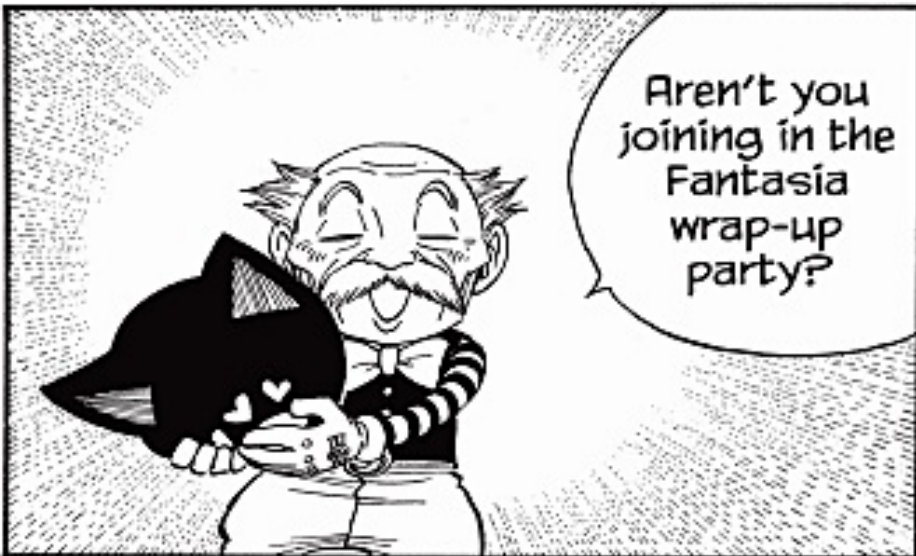


You don't
find *those*
every day!

What?! You
mean a
lacrima
crystal with
dragon
slayer
magic?!







**...of
Master Ivan,
your son.**

**I
found the
location
...**

Nobody suspects
I'm a double agent.
But you'd better
worry about Laxus.
Ivan's after his
lacrima.



Sorry to
give you...
such a
dangerous
job.

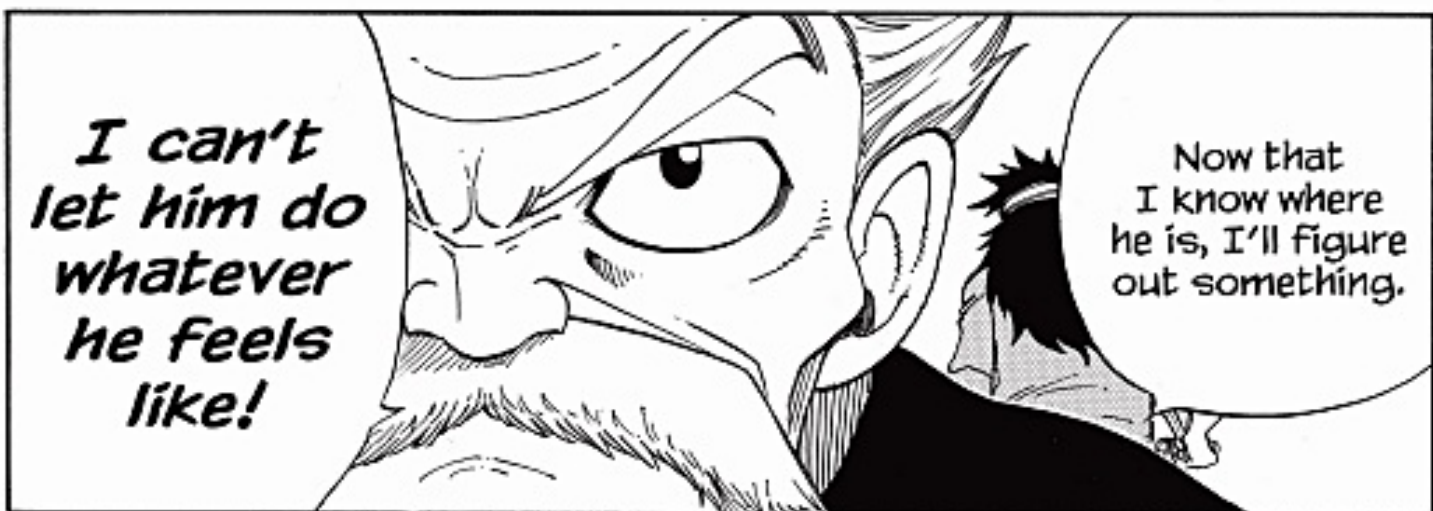


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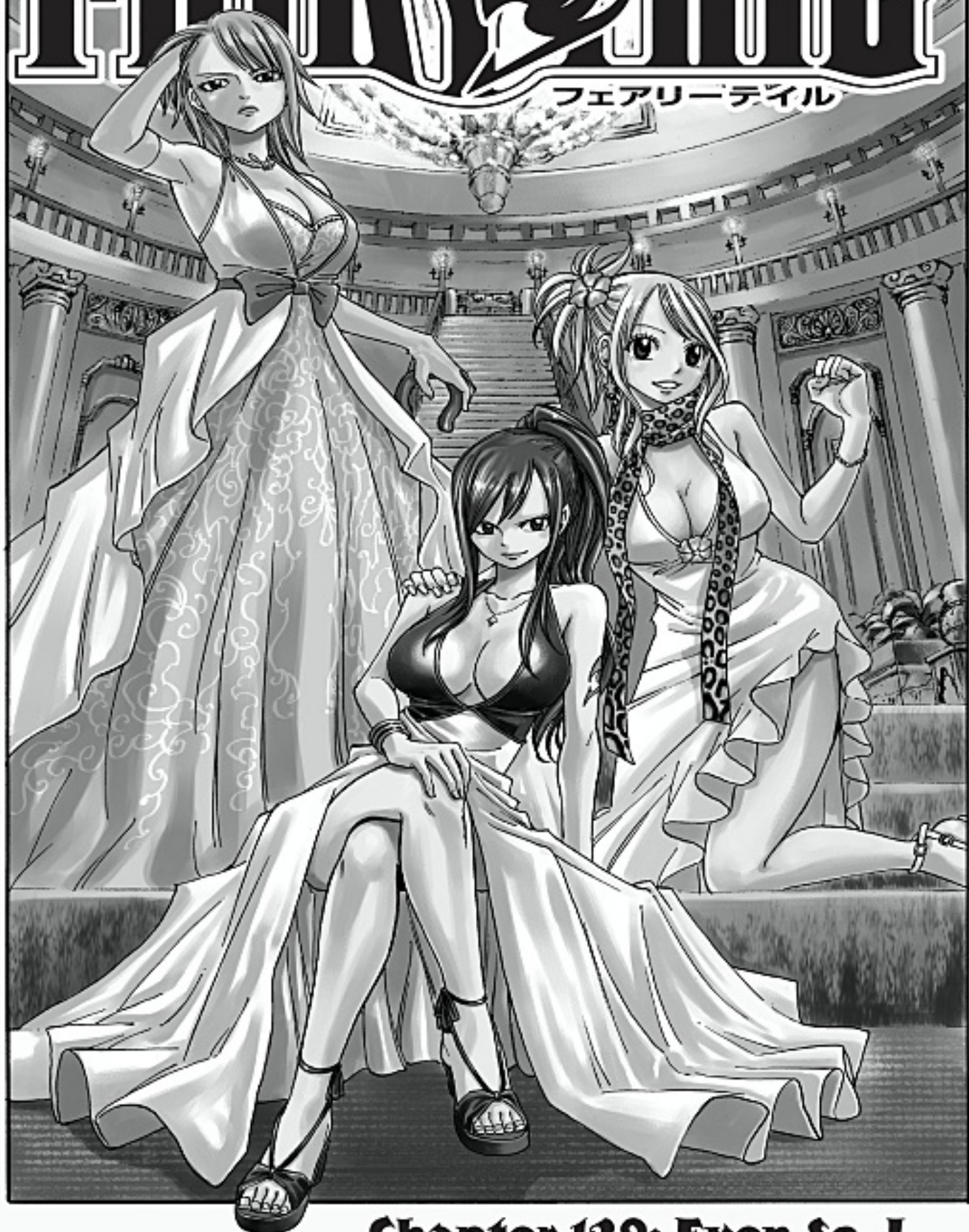
**I can't
let him do
whatever
he feels
like!**

Now that
I know where
he is, I'll figure
out something.



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Chapter 129: Even So, I...

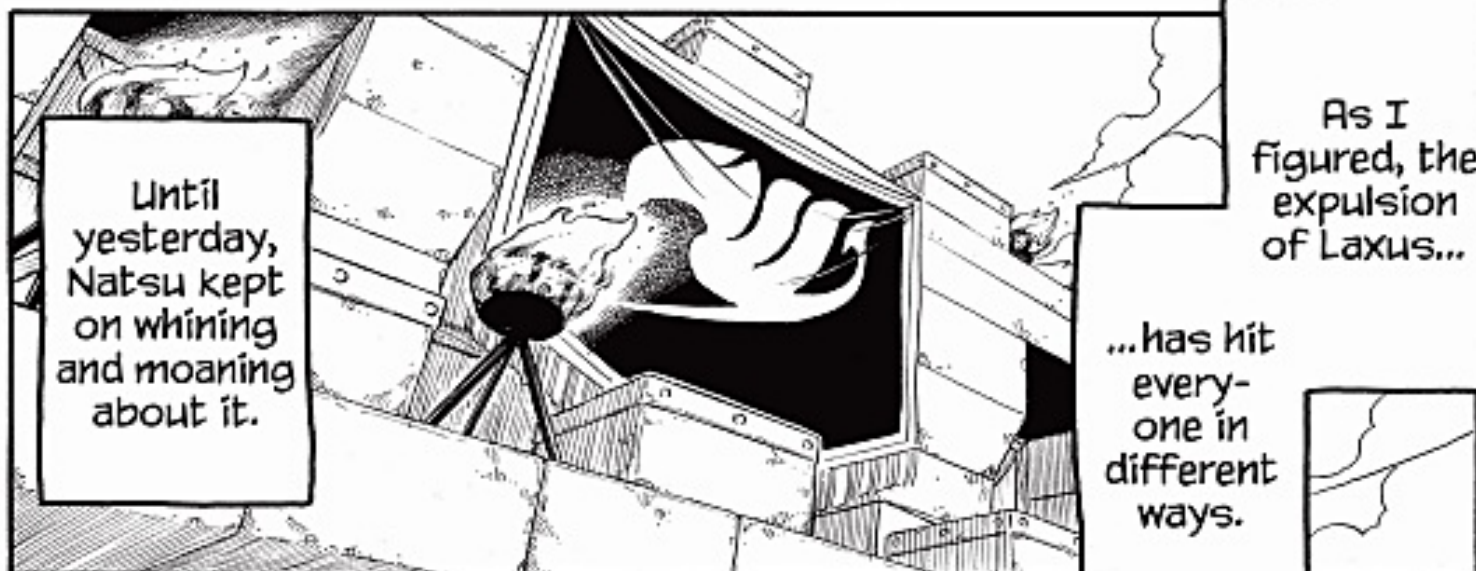


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...and the town has finally settled back into its regular rhythms.

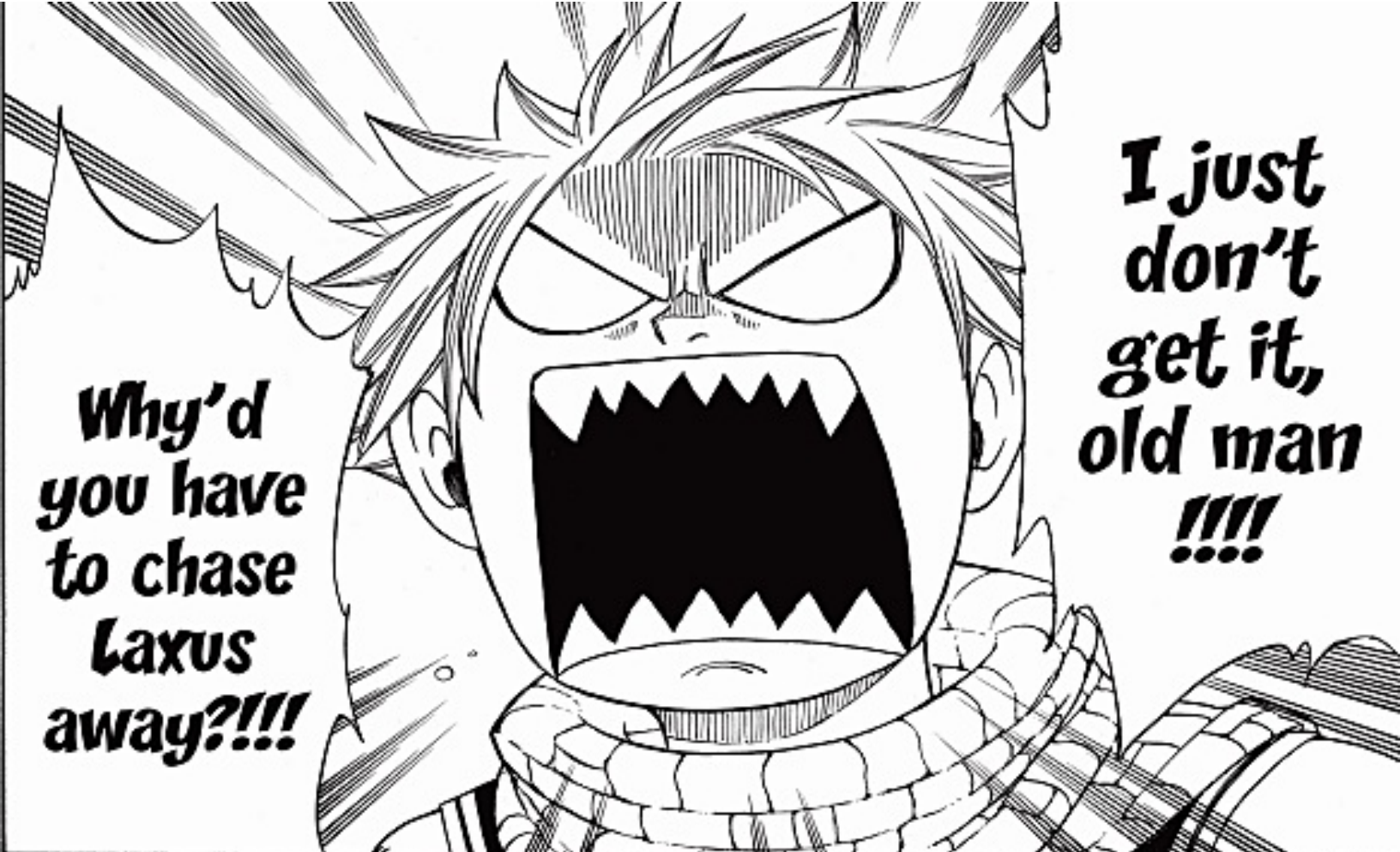
It's been a week since the harvest festival...



Until yesterday, Natsu kept on whining and moaning about it.

As I figured, the expulsion of Laxus...

...has hit everyone in different ways.



**Why'd
you have
to chase
Lexus
away?!!!**

**I just
don't
get it,
old man
!!!!**





**I said,
silence
!!!**



I wanna
get strong
enough to
take him
down one-
on-one!



He didn't
expel Laxus
because he
wanted to!

Think of how
the master
must feel.



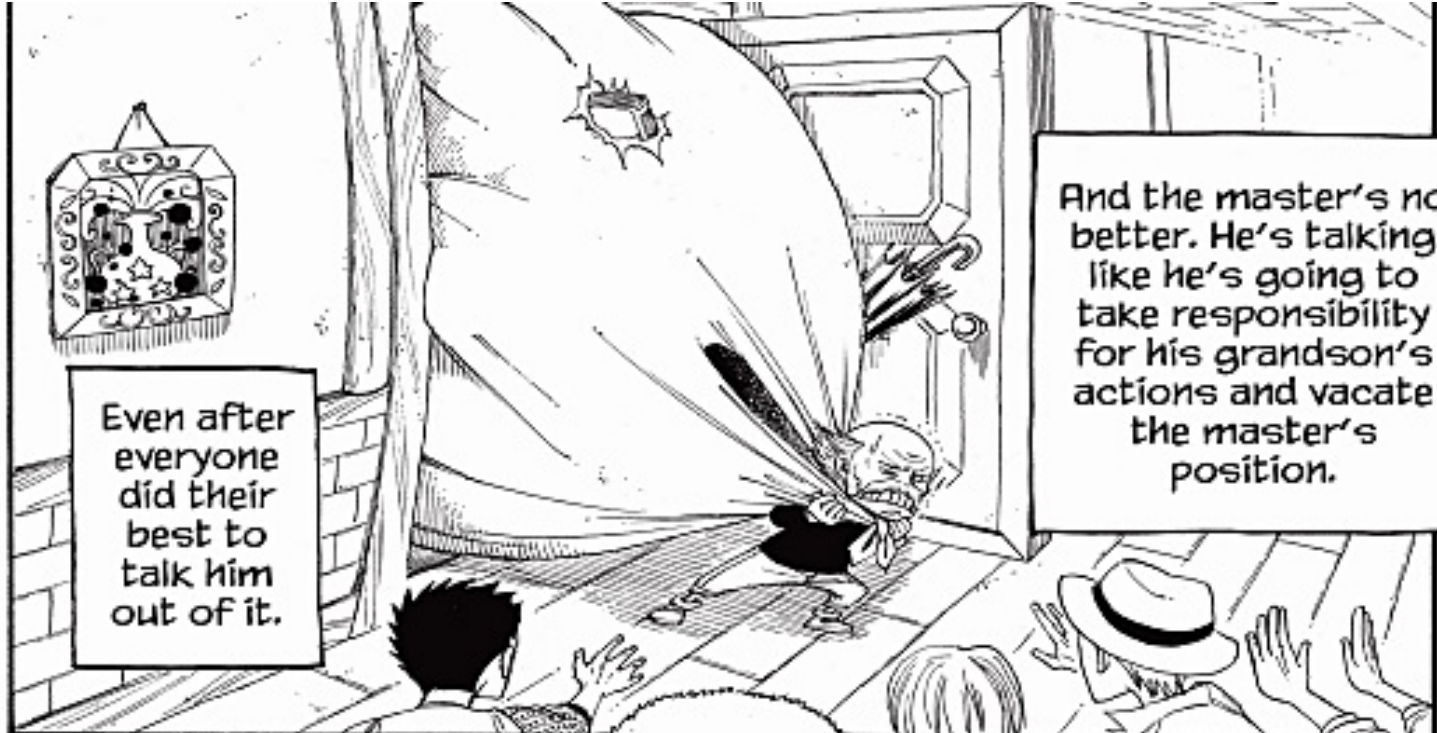
ちあ
CHATTER



This scene
has been
played over
and over.



But...



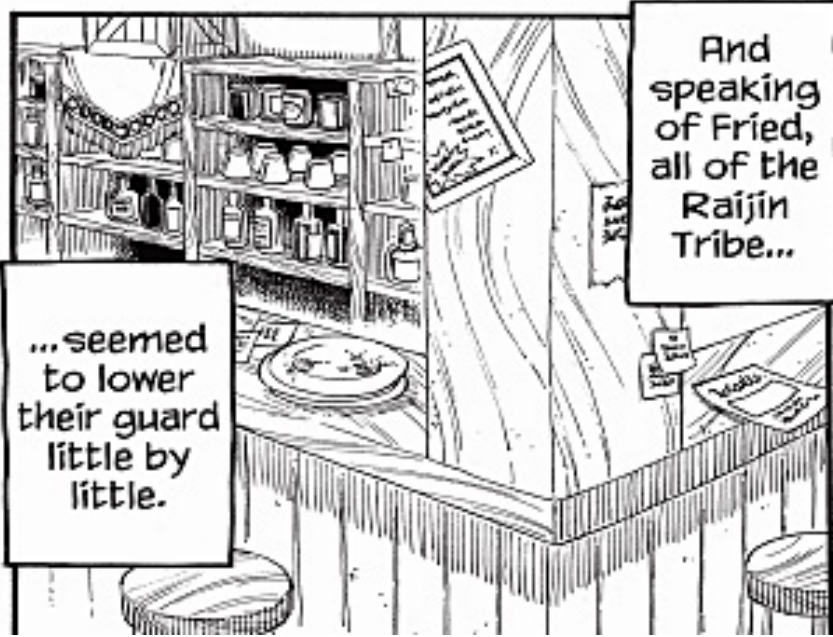
Even after everyone did their best to talk him out of it.

And the master's no better. He's talking like he's going to take responsibility for his grandson's actions and vacate the master's position.



If Laxus were to find out the master quit because of him...

Please don't punish Laxus any more than you already have.



...seemed to lower their guard little by little.

And speaking of Fried, all of the Raijin Tribe...



Maybe it was his shaving his head in apology or Fried's old posture, but his short sentences stopped the master short.

As
always, I'm
surround-
ed by
weirdos.

Doing
the
nasty!

I hear
you and
Loke are
doing
the
nasty!

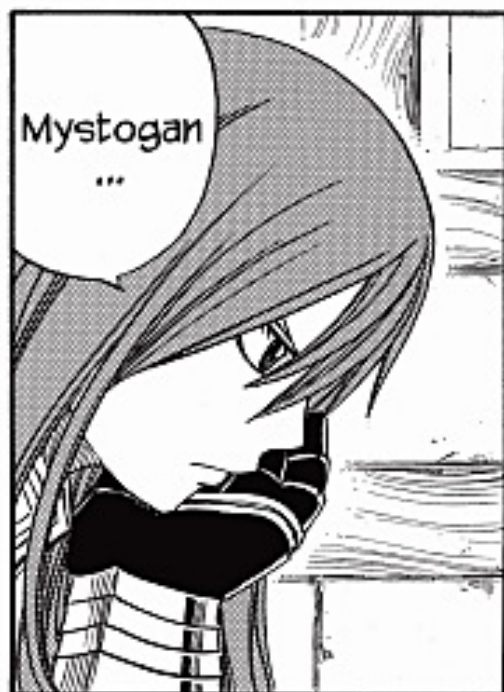


But don't get
any ideas! I'm
not talking
about doing
nudes!

You can
use me as a
model for your
paintings,
you know.

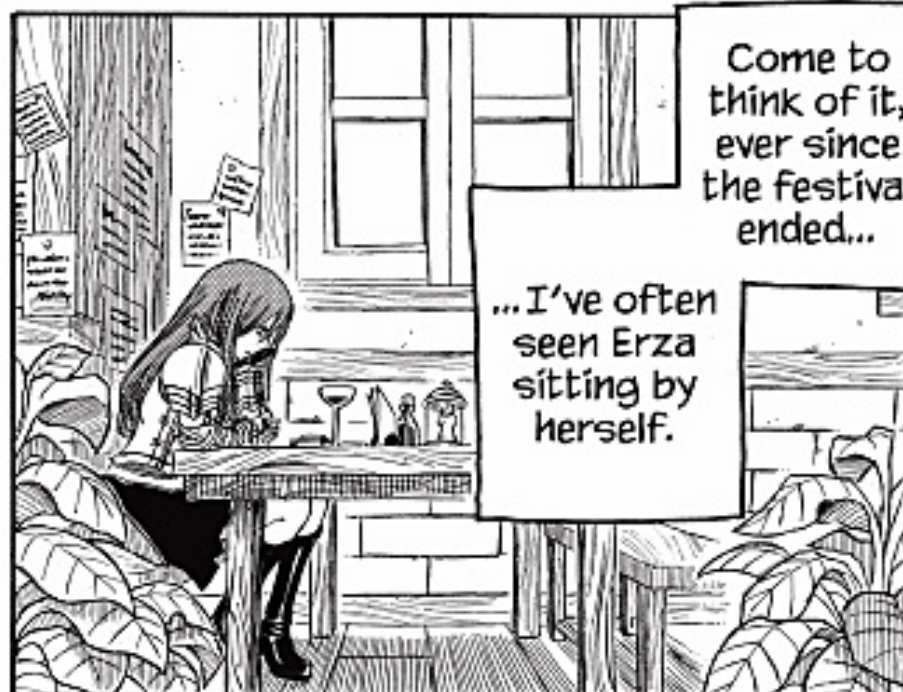


Mystogan
...



Come to
think of it,
ever since
the festival
ended...

...I've often
seen Erza
sitting by
herself.

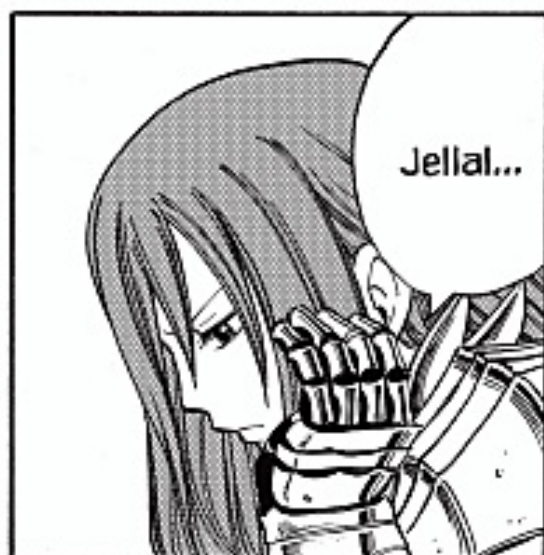


I'm sorry.
He's so silent,
I don't know
much about
him myself.

I never
imagined
he'd look like
someone you
know...

Master,
just who is
that man?!





The result
announcement
of
The Miss FAIRY TAIL
CONTEST

But I still
had one
more huge
problem to
deal with.

And what with
one thing and
another, a week
passed.

Lucy re-
ally made
it up to
second?!

I
knew
it!

Con-
grats
to all!

Juvia
got
three.

The result
announcement
of
The Miss FAIRY TAIL
CONTEST

1... ERZA
2... LUCY

Ohhh
!!!

Erza
is the
winner
!!!

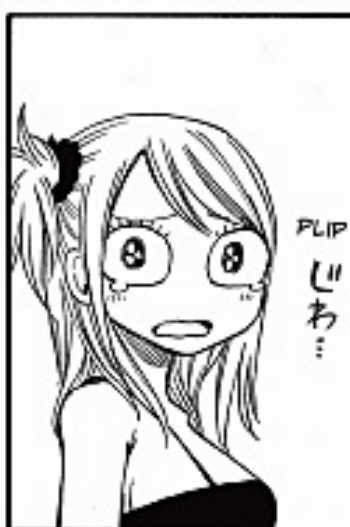
AAAAA!!!!



**I didn't
get my
rent
money
!!!!**



くもん
WAAAH



FLIP
しあ...



Want to
go out on
a job?

What'll I do
about this
month's
rent?



!



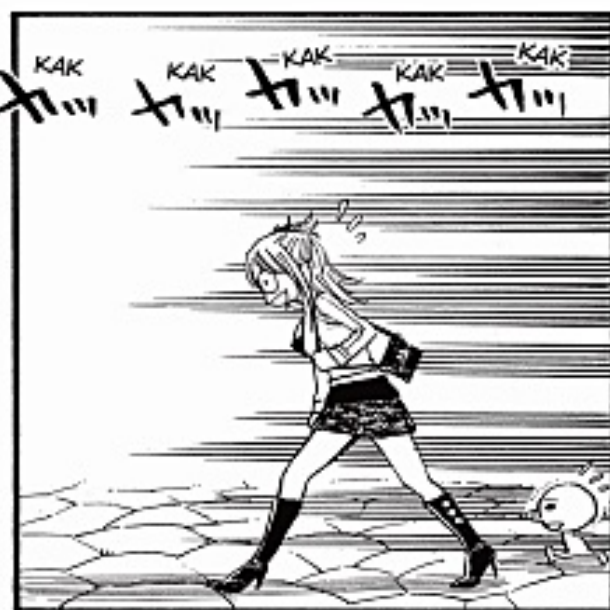
No... He's
always doing
work. Little
by little.

Aye!

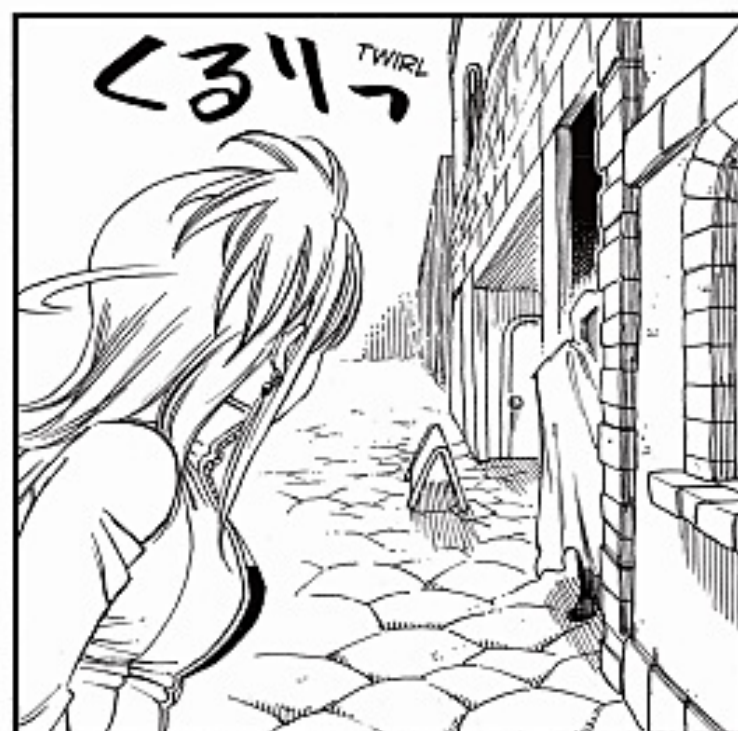
**WAAH!
Thank
you!!**

So you're
finally up
for some
work!

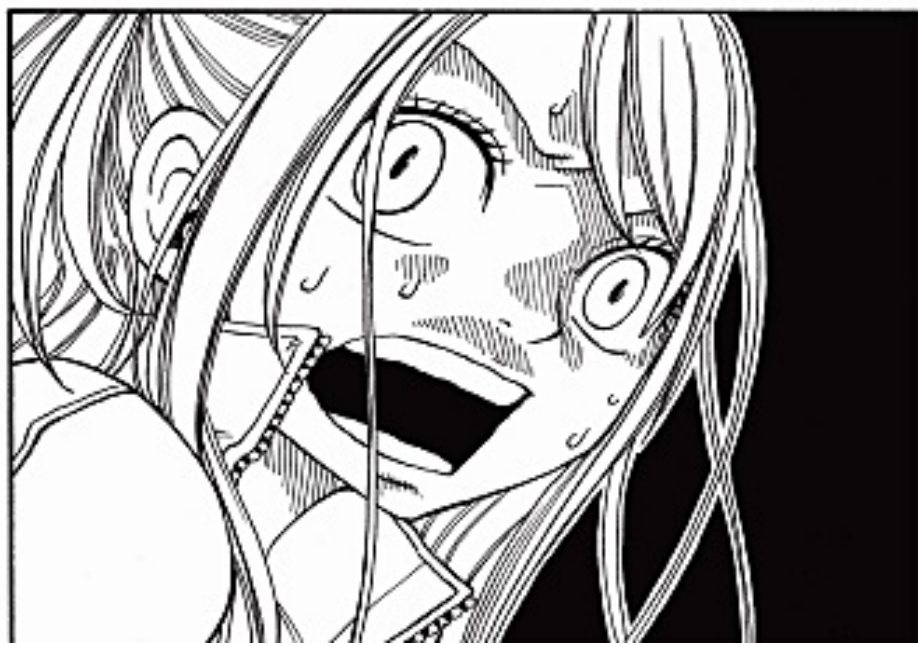
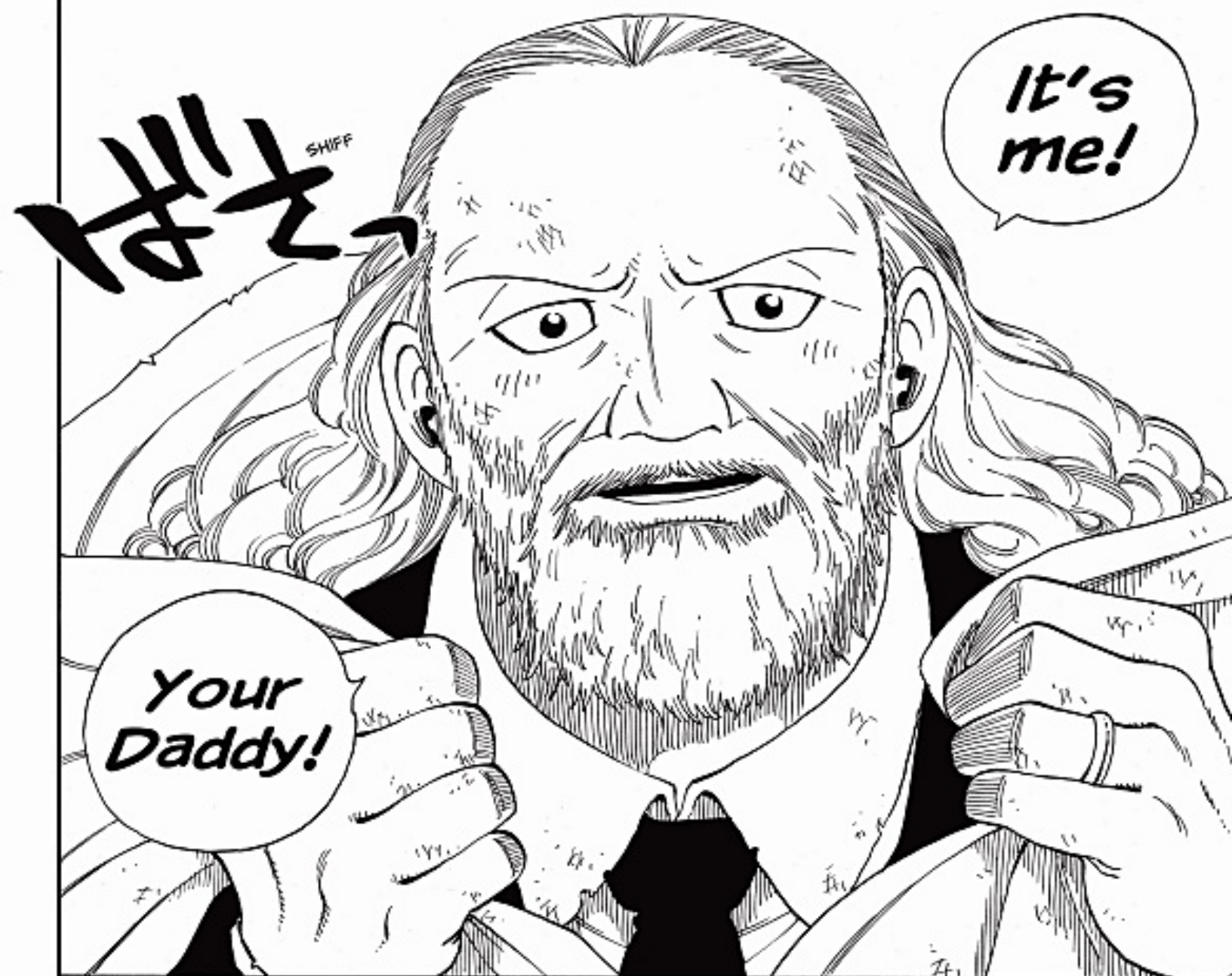




I knew
it! some-
body is
watching
me!!!







Wait,
first...
What's
with the
clothes?

What
happened
to you?

What are
you *here*
for...?!

Father
?!!



I was a
fool to put
all I had
into my
work.

I had
mortgaged
all of my
private
assets.

You're
kid-
ding...





H-Hold
it! You
mean the
house
?!

The
house
with my
mother's
grave?!

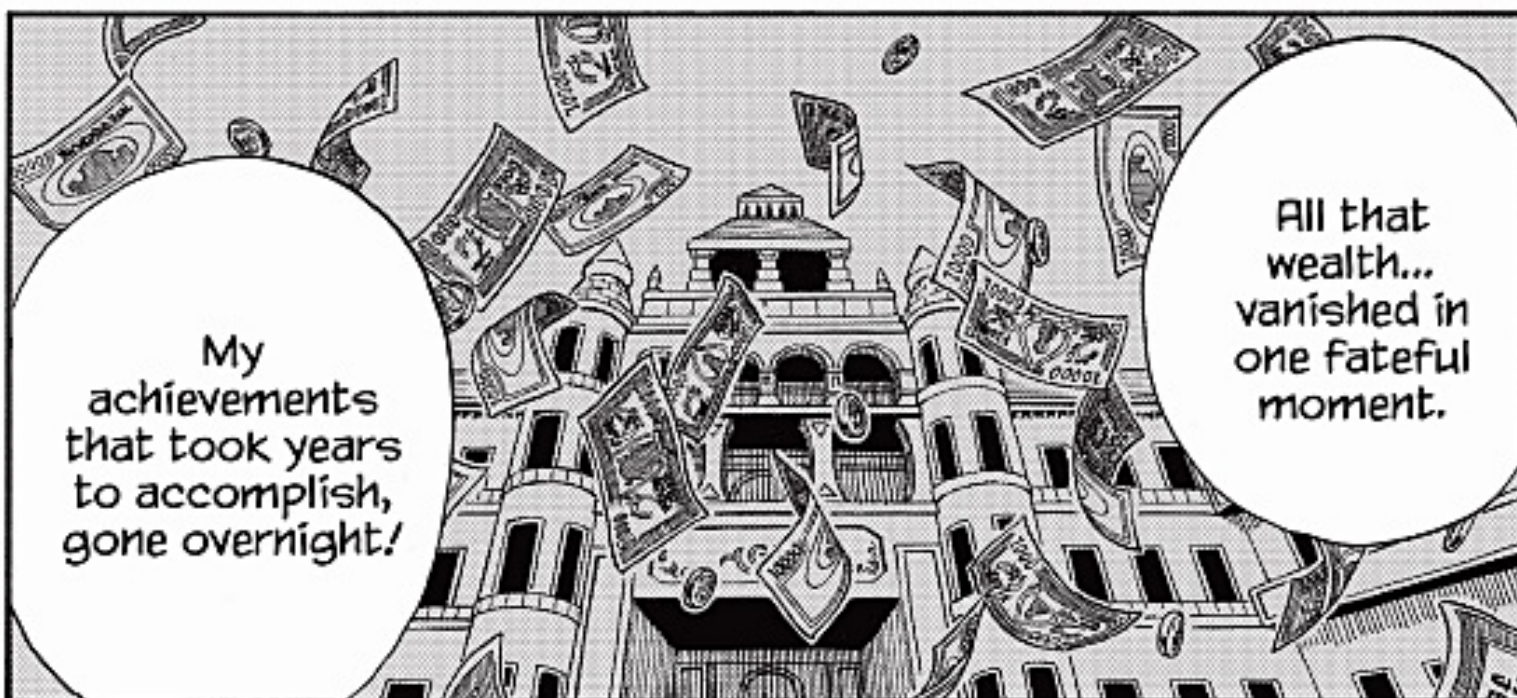


I know
I'd cry...

...if it
wasn't so
laugh-
able.

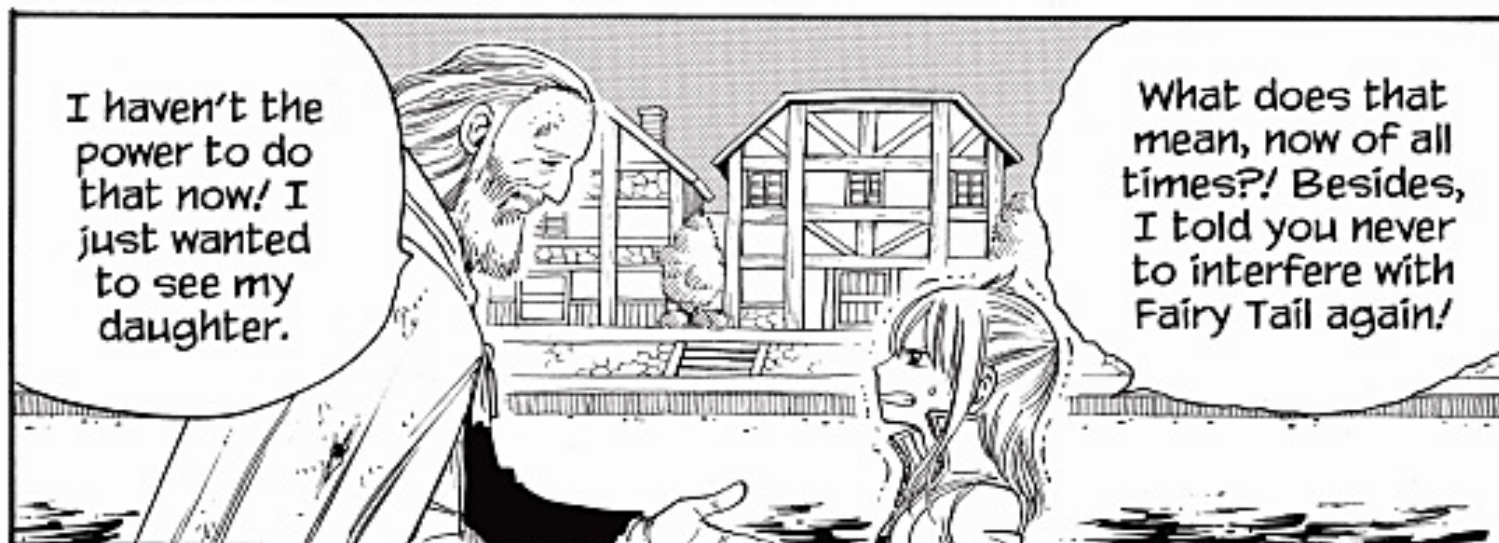
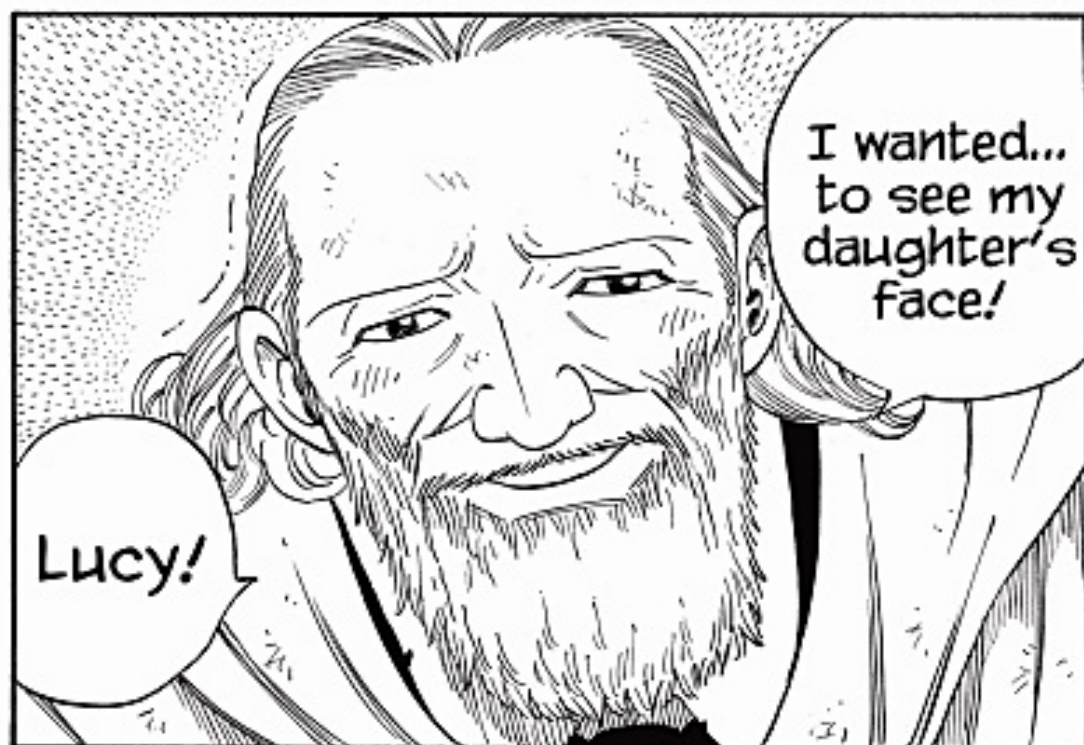
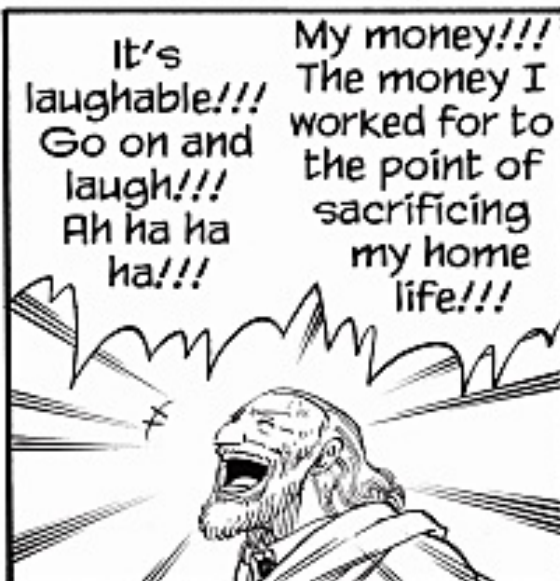


It's been
moved to
here.



My
achievements
that took years
to accomplish,
gone overnight!

All that
wealth...
vanished in
one fateful
moment.





I admit
I've made
mistakes.
It's my
fault!

Don't
make
that
face.



I'm going
to start
over.

I don't
intend to
say here.

I'm going
to join the
Enterprise Guild
in Akarifa.



And
so,
Lucy...



I
see...



Just go a
little west
of here, and
you'll come
upon it.

Akarifa?



*To
get me
my start,
I'm going
to need
money.*

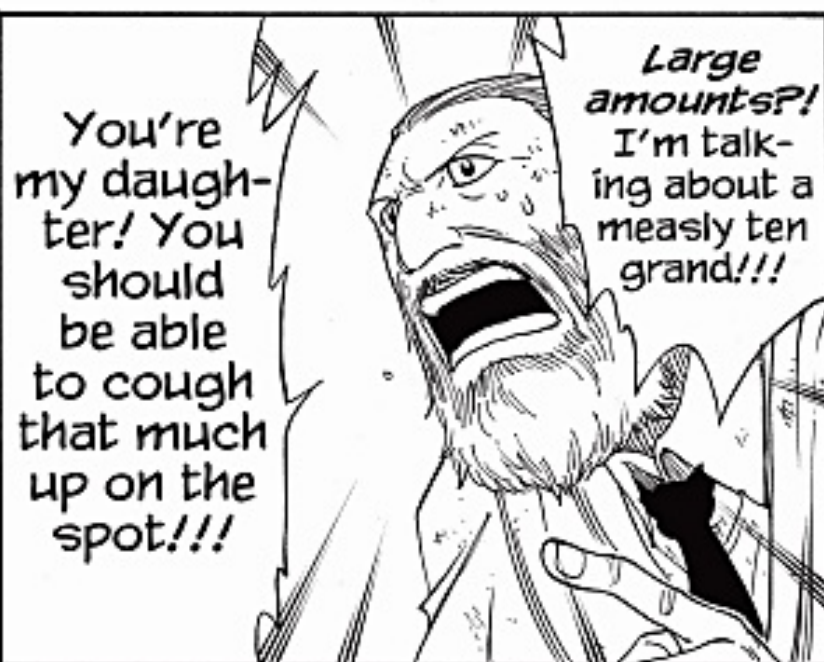


You'll lend
it to me,
right?

Just ten
thousand
Jewels
would do!



What...do
you think
you're
saying?



You're
my daugh-
ter! You
should
be able
to cough
that much
up on the
spot!!!

*Large
amounts?!
I'm talk-
ing about a
measly ten
grand!!!*

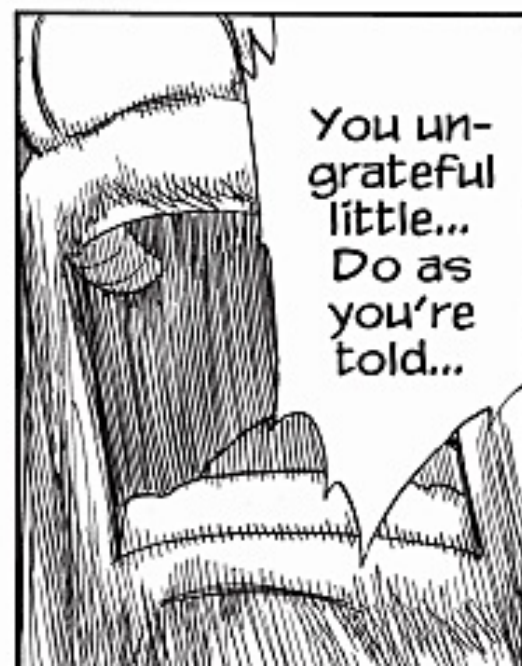


I... I don't
have large
amounts of
money like
that.



**So do
your
duty
and
hand
it over
!!!!**

**Money!!!!
Here I am
swallowing my
pride and
asking nicely!!!
I'm lowering
myself to
this!!!!**



**You un-
grateful
little...
Do as
you're
told...**



I have no
idea...what
you're talking
about.

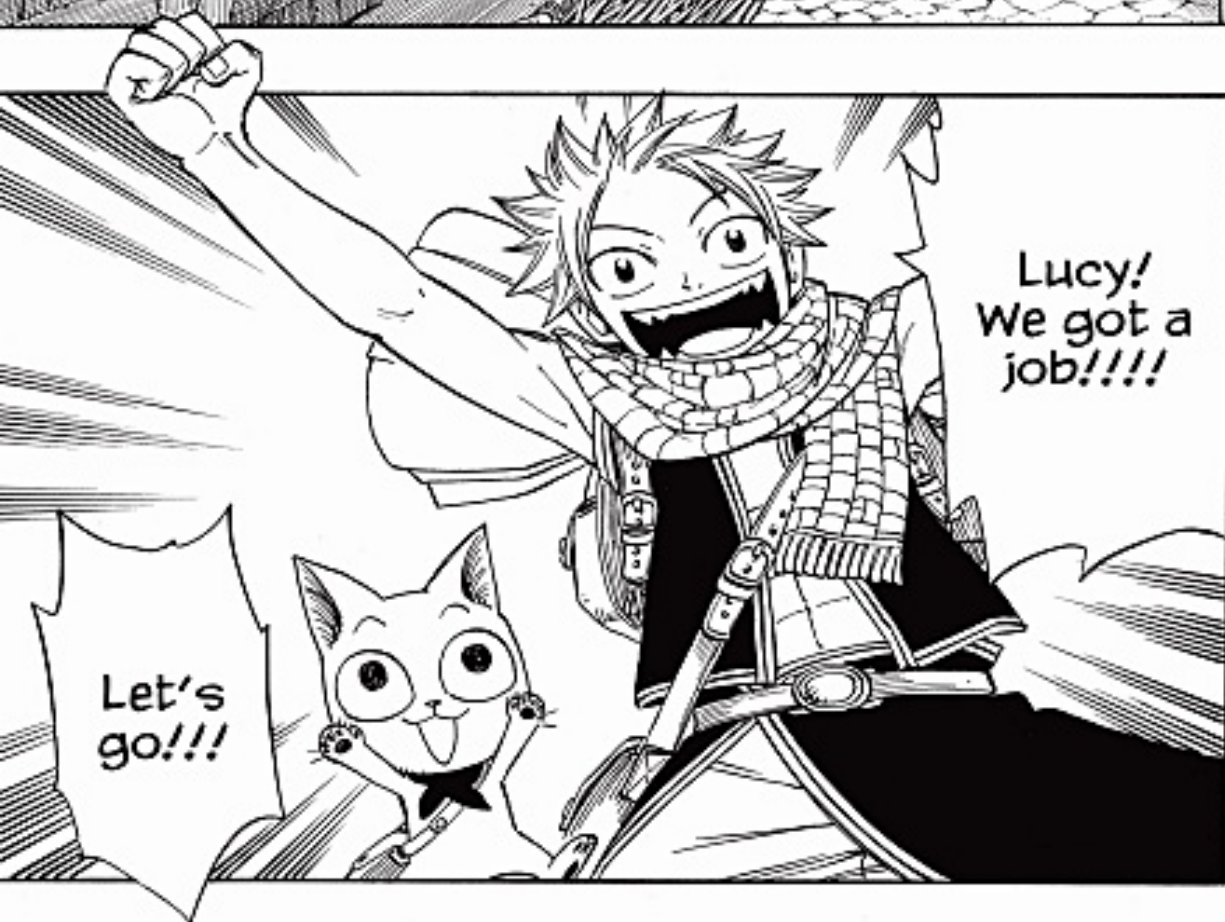






*He's the
worst!*

*Abso-
lutely
the
worst!*



I've heard of him. He's known as Velveno the Guild Hunter. You know where he is?



Whooooaa! I hear his magic's incredible! I'm all fired up!!!

An escapee. We're going to recapture Velveno.



That's about six months' worth! Let's do this!

Yeah!

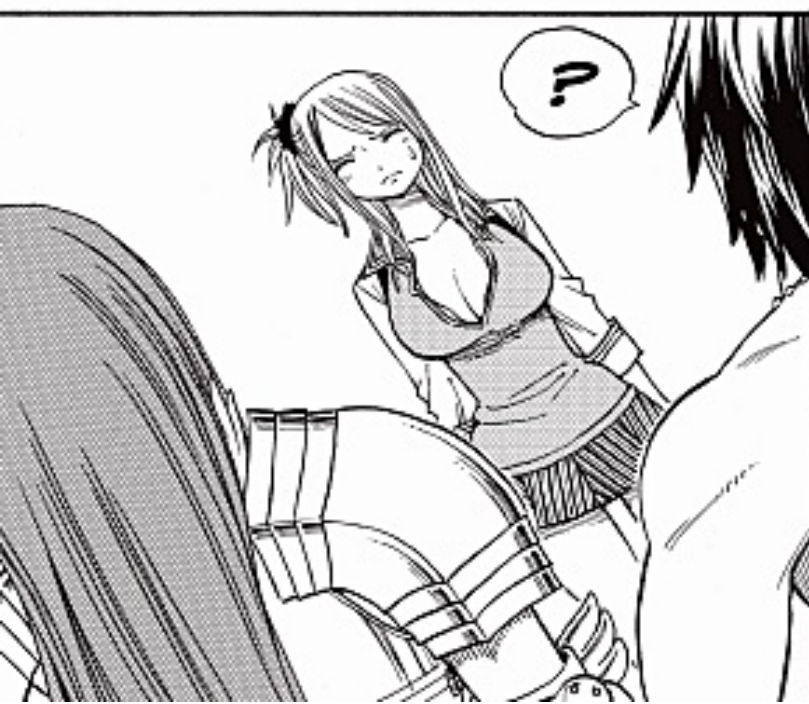


The reward is four hundred thousand each. You can pay your rent, Lucy.

You mean how some violent gang holed themselves up in the *Enterprise Guild* there? Yeah, scary stuff!



Hey, did you hear about *Akarifa*?





*Where
is this
Akarifa
?!!*



*I'm sorry!!!
I've got an
errand to
run!!!*

*Wait...
Your
rent...*

*Hey!!
The job...*



Lucy?



*...have
to go
save
him!!!!*

*He's that
kind of
man...*

*...but
even
so, I...*

FAIRY TAIL

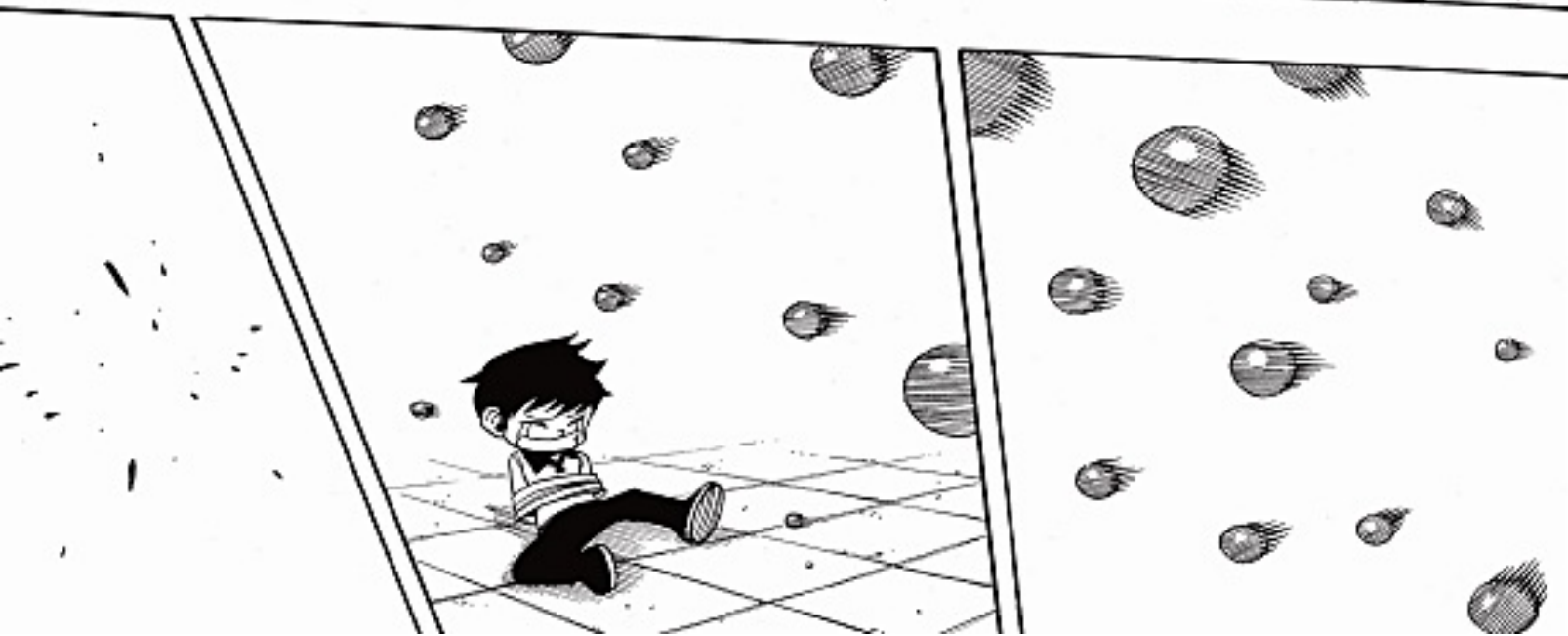
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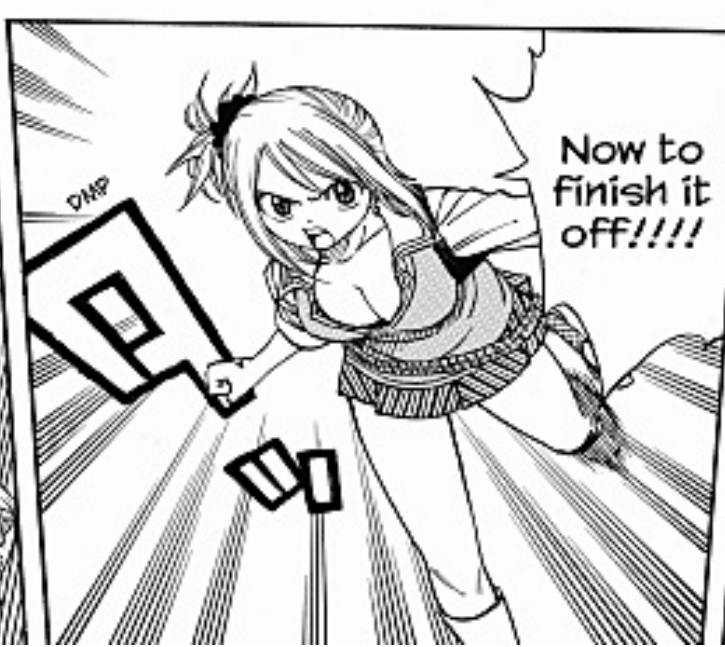
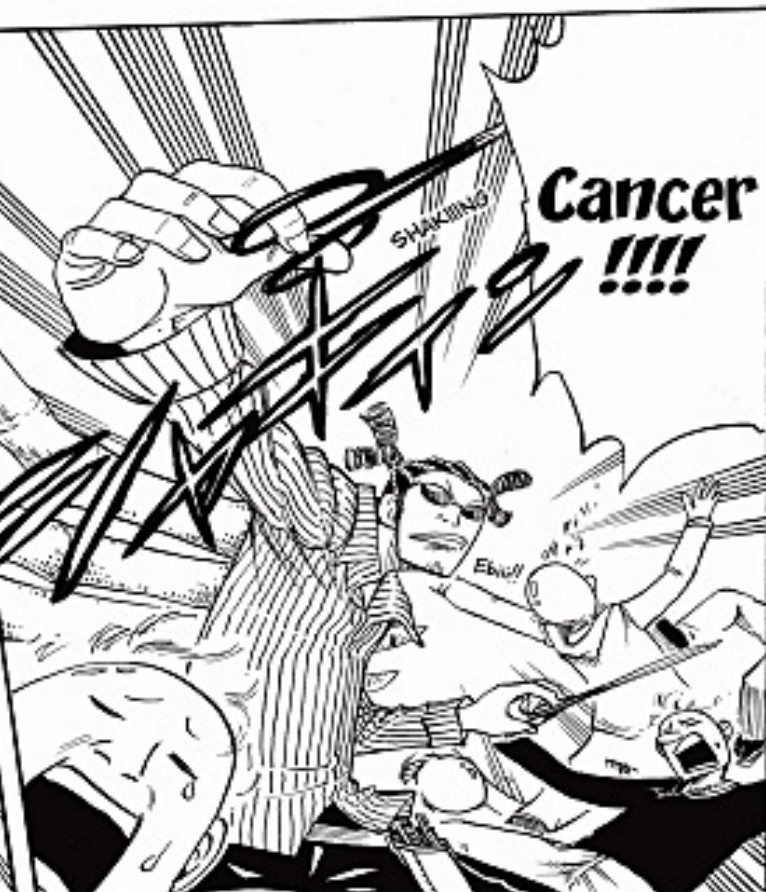
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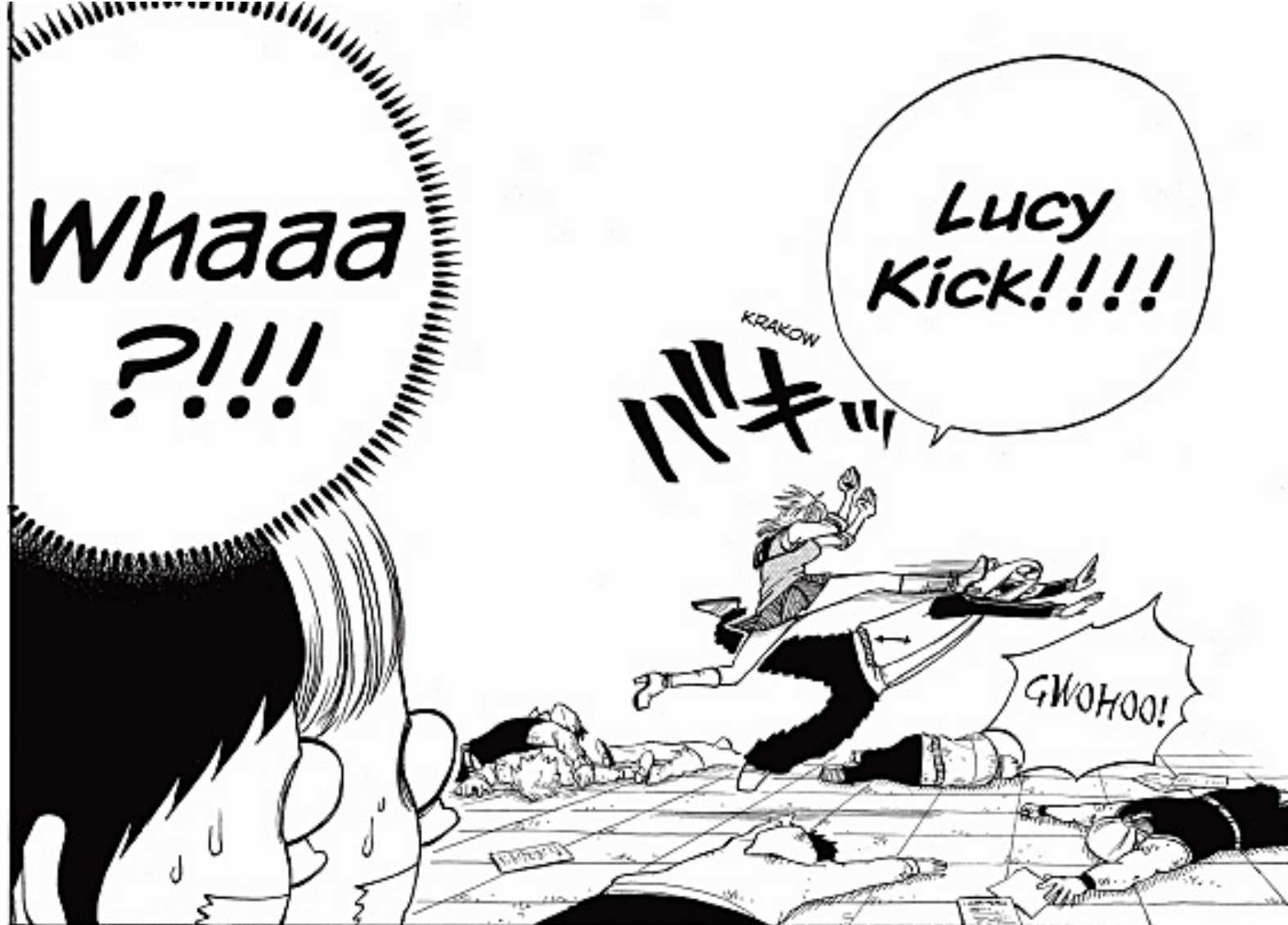


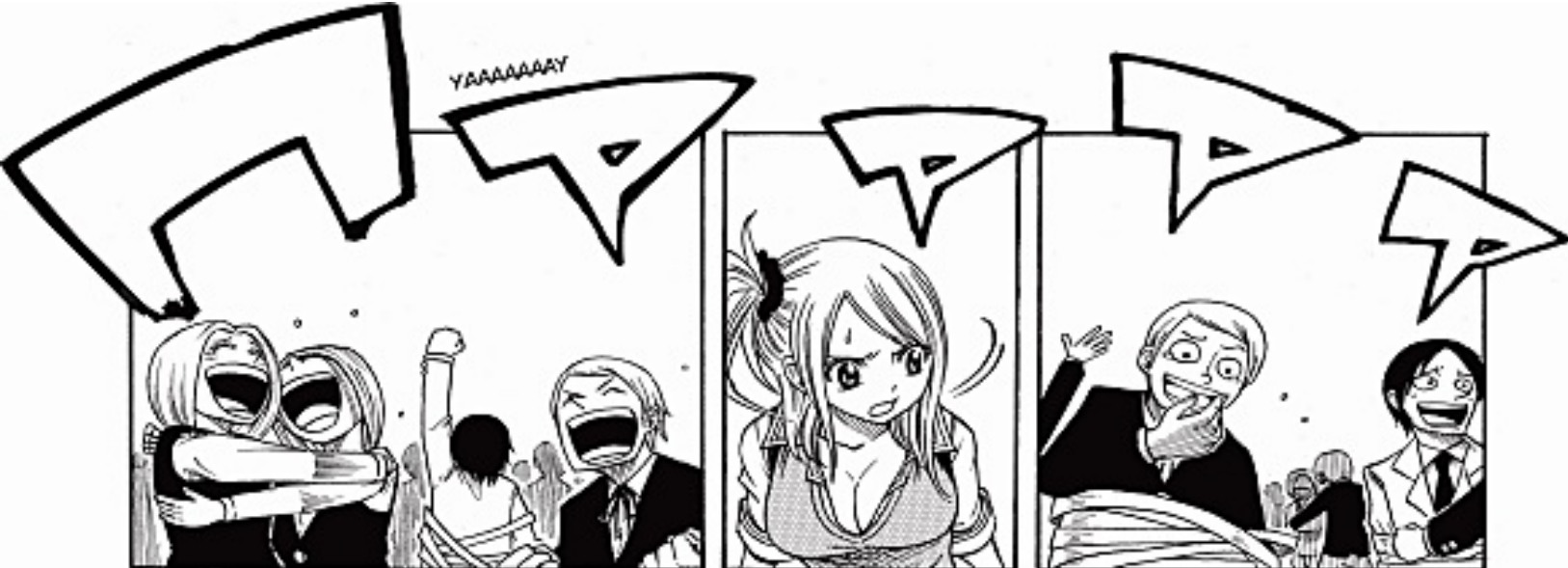


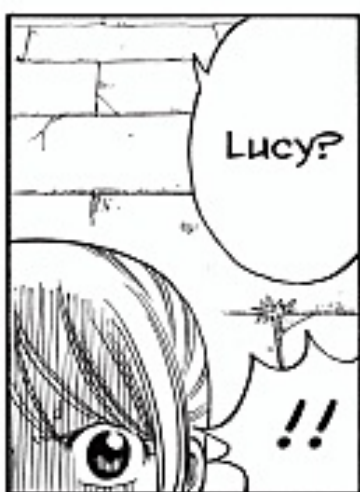












Wait...!!! Does that mean he was hitting me up for ten grand just for passage here? How out of touch on carriage fares can you get?!!



I was worried about nothing!!!



I don't have any money, so I had to walk all the way here.



Captain! A number of the guild members have run off!

You can calm down, everyone!

Everything's all right now.



"What"...?! I heard the guild you were going to was under attack...

What are you here for...?



Don't get any ideas!

It isn't like I've forgiven you or anything!



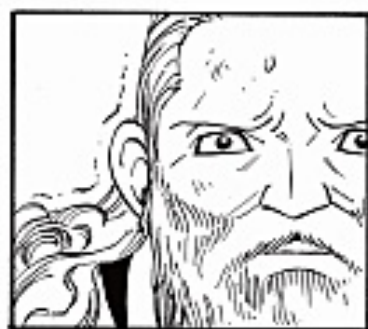
Is that so...? Thank you...

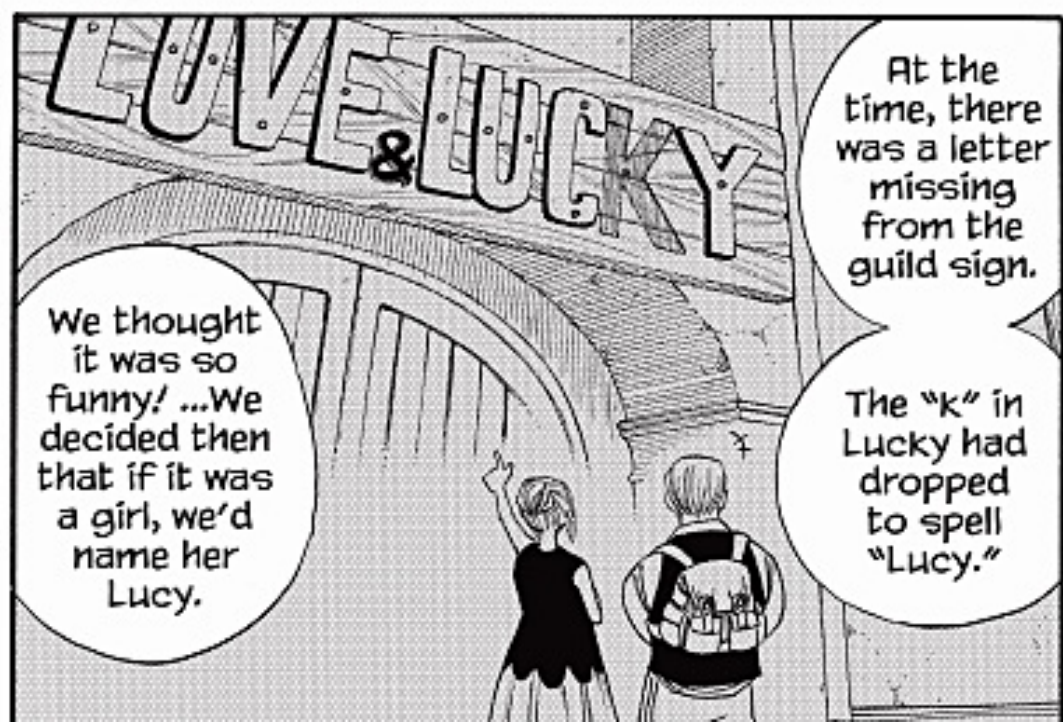


Never mind!! Good-bye!!!

You came because you were worried about your father?









Whaa
?!!



I never
expected
you to close
this case on
your own.

Nice
work.

Lucy!!!

What
happened
to you?!!

Lucy!!!!
Are you
okay?!!!



No... I
mean...

Father.

Take
care,
okay?





Main
Guild
Building
of the
dark guild,
Naked
Mummy...



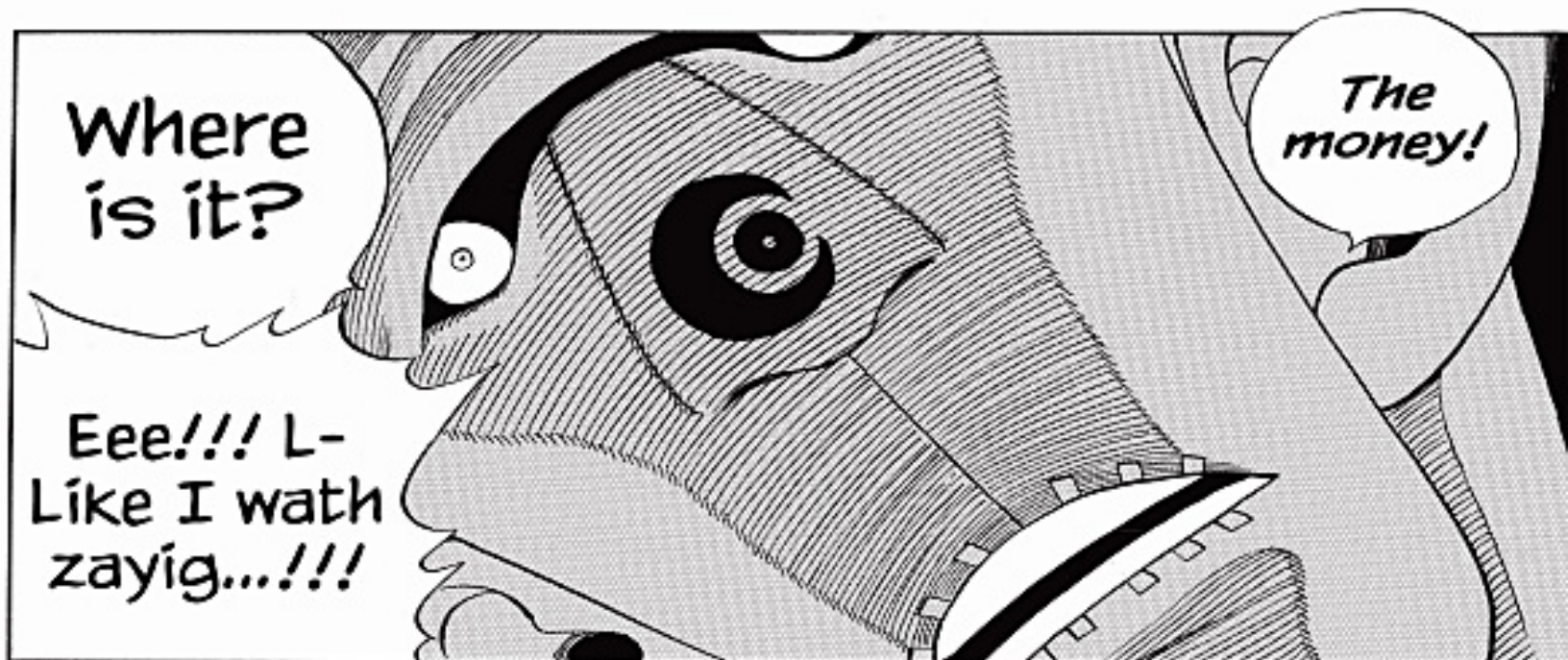
*Where
is it?*

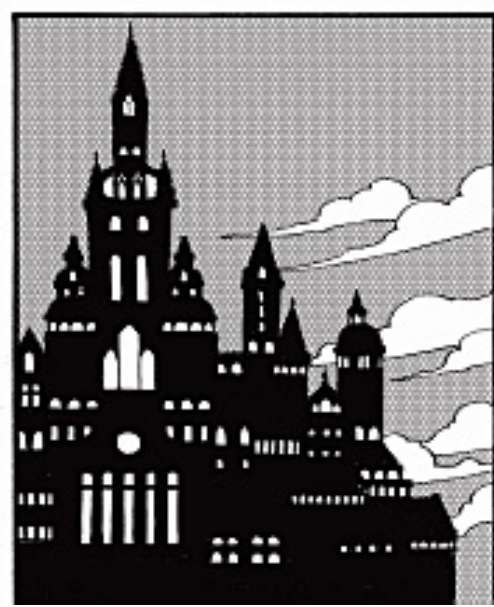
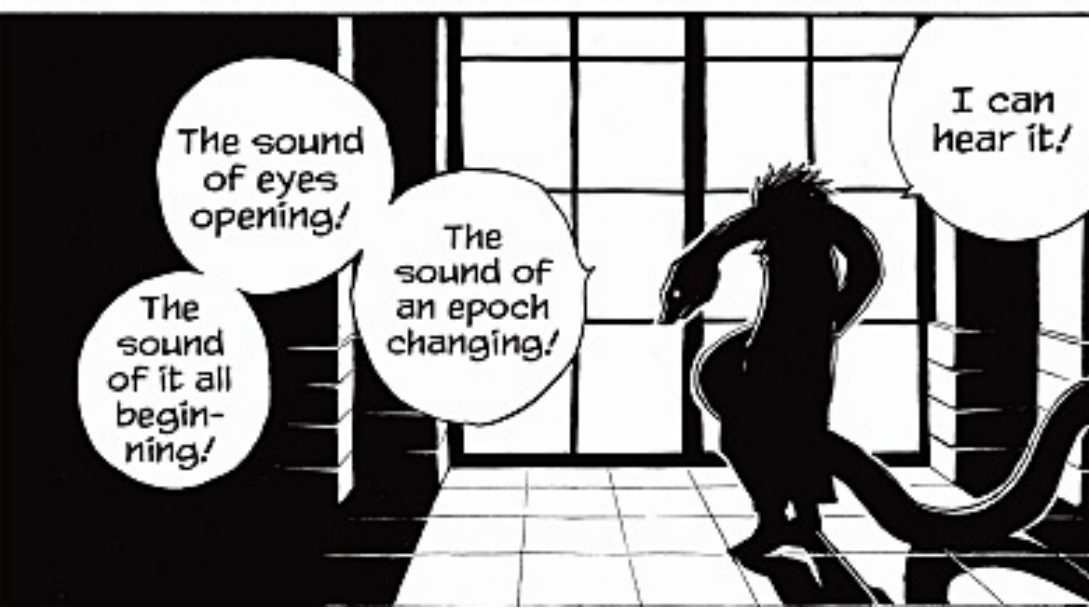
*The
money!*

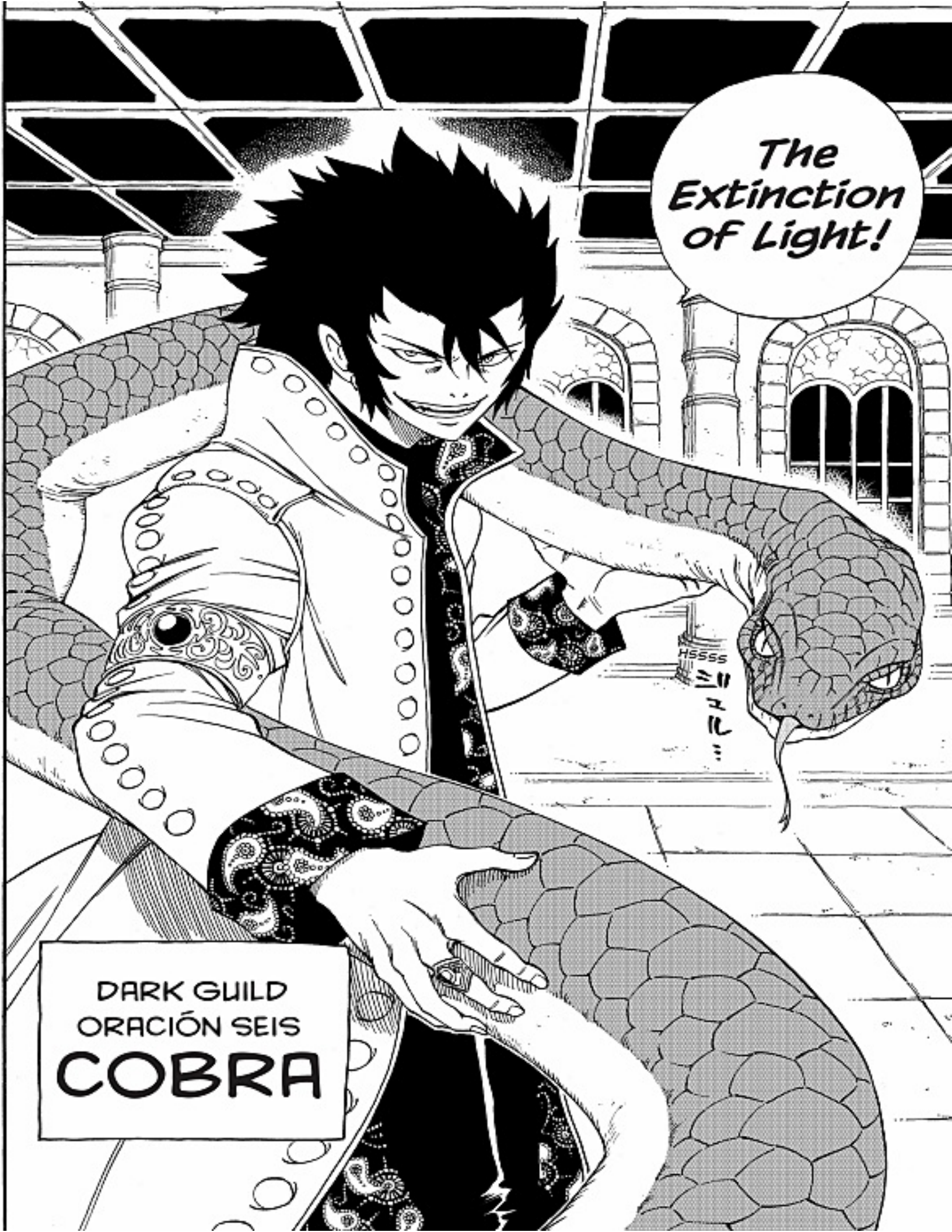


Dere
wath
nothig
we could
do!!!!

I'b forry!
An official
guilf got in
da way
...!!!







*The
Extinction
of Light!*

DARK GUILD
ORACIÓN SEIS
COBRA

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



Chapter 131: Nirvana



Lucy, it's a part of the job.

KA-KANING

I mean, what am I doing here?!

We're helping out too, you know!

Unf.

The restaurant's chef makes magical dishes!

But this has absolutely nothing to do with wizard work!!!

Don't eat the customer's food!

And what's with this embarrassing costume?!!

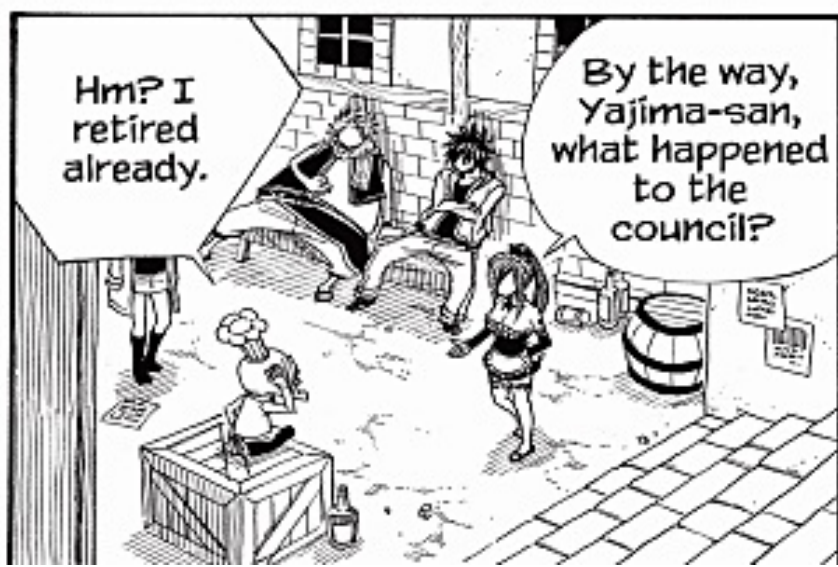
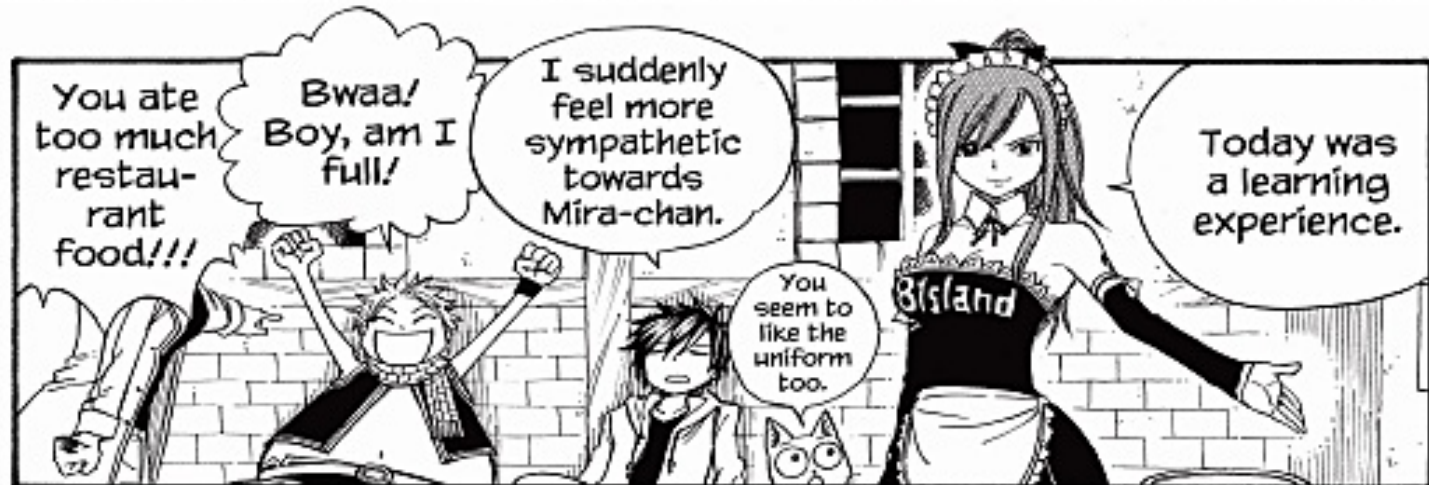
Urk... Sorry!

Just *whose* rent do you think we're doing this for?!

Say that after you put the clothes on!!!

I think dressing as a waiter now and then can be cool.





Sho now they intend to make the New Magic Counshil and are making cuts in every shector.

Right! The Magic Council made shcandalous errors when Zellal and Ultear betrayed us.

It was Jellal.

Zueg... Or was it Zellal?

You have the least reason to retire...

You don't... I hear that you were the last hold out opposing the firing of Etherion.

Gotta apologize.

It caushed problems for you all too.

SKRTCH SKRTCH

By the way, Natsu-kun, Gray-kun...

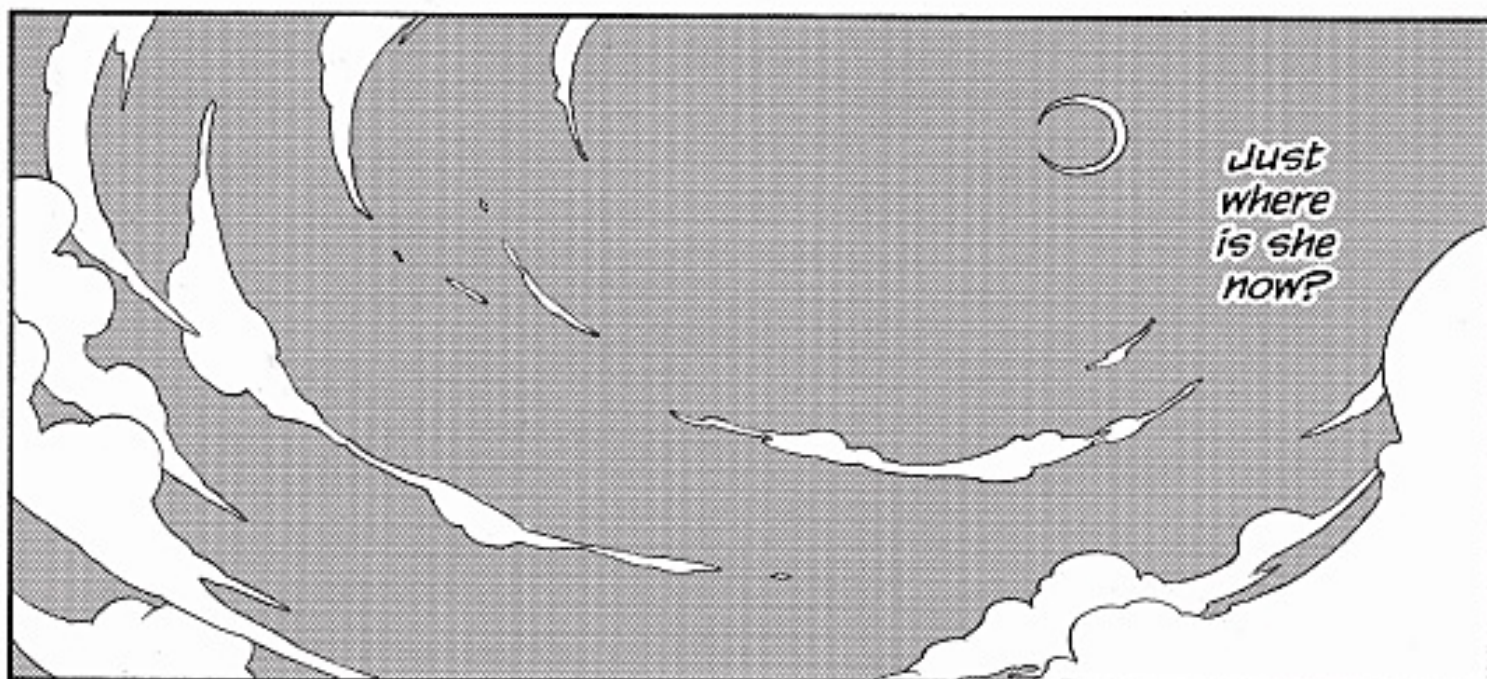
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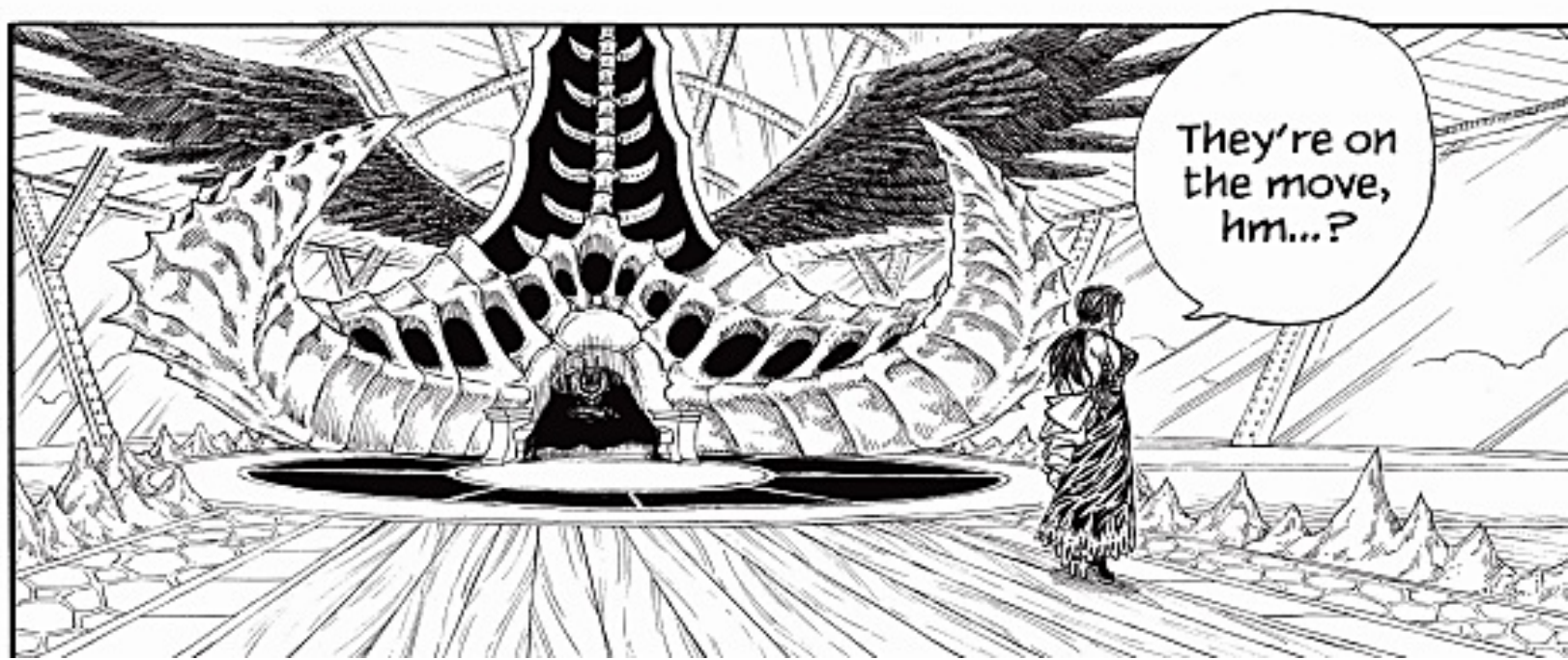
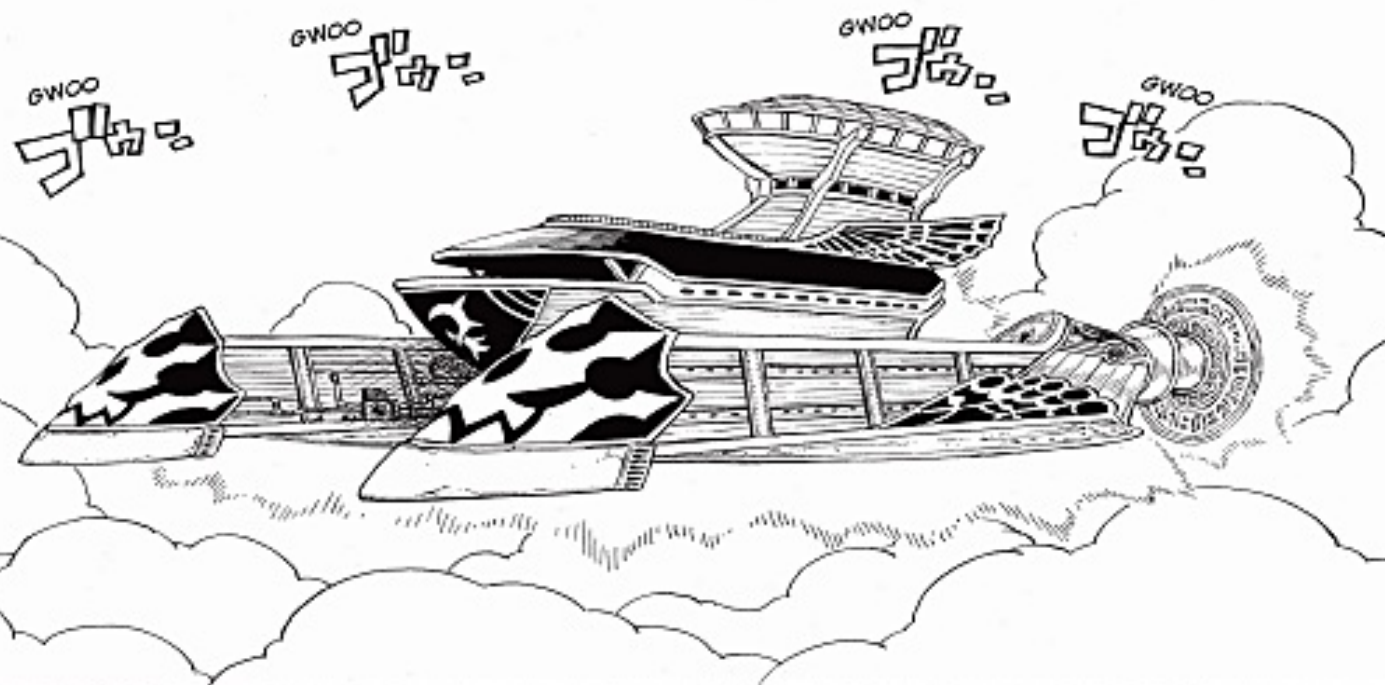
HI TWITCH

Cooking is much more fun for me!

I'm shimplly not cut out for politics.

POOT



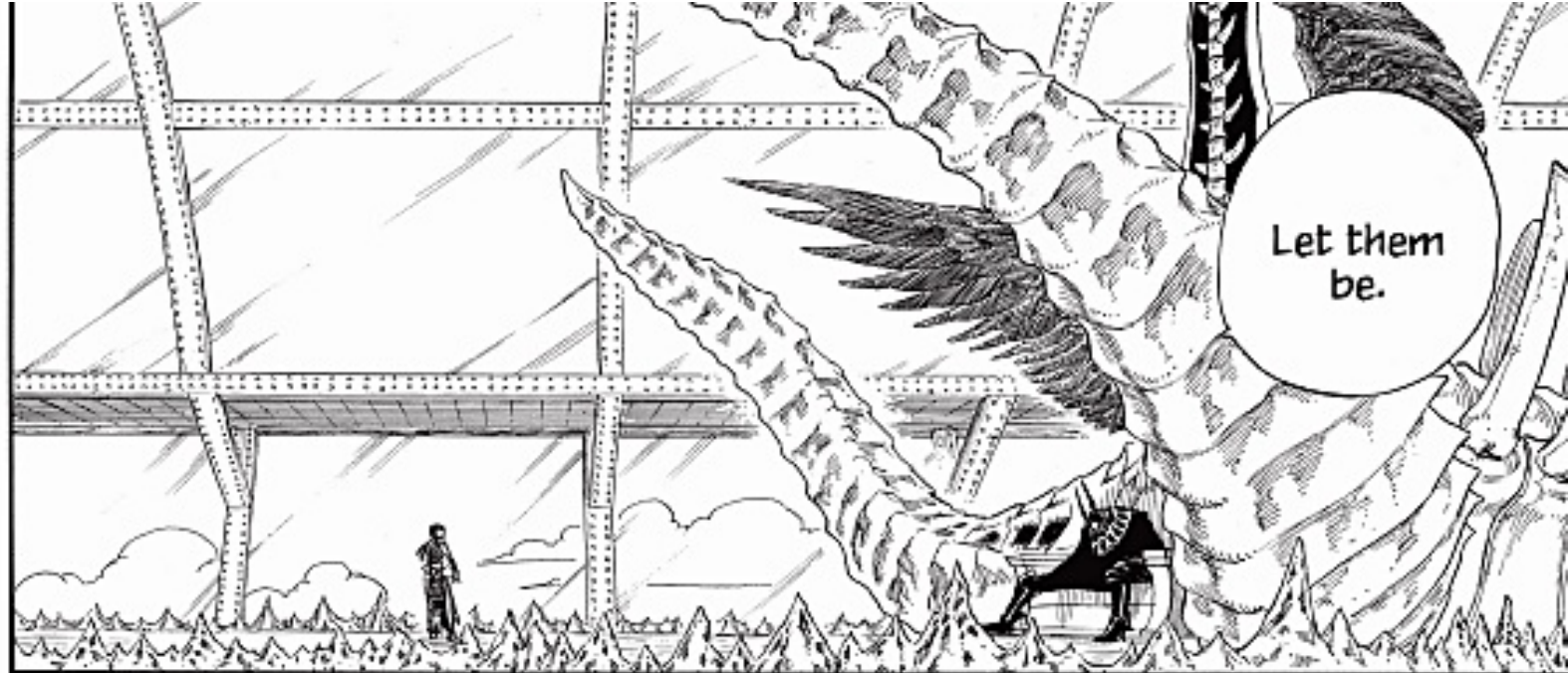




What
will you
do?

*Master
Hades?*

DARK GUILD
GRIMOIRE HEART
ULTEAR



Let them be.

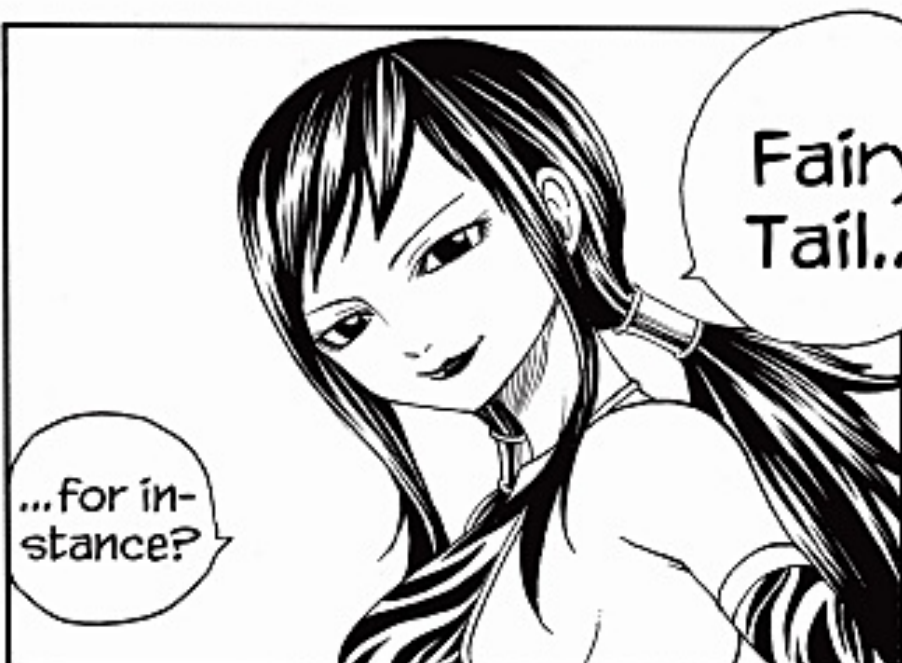


If circumstances go our way, they could eliminate certain troublesome guilds for us.



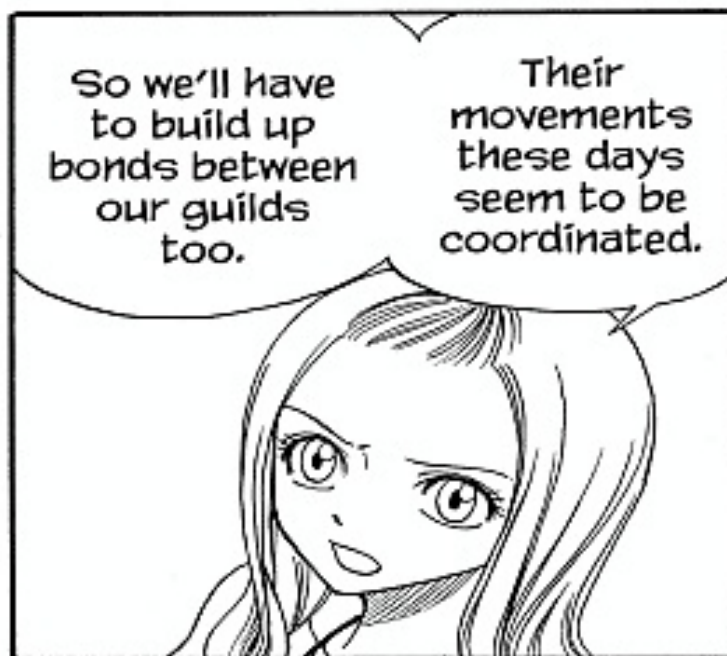
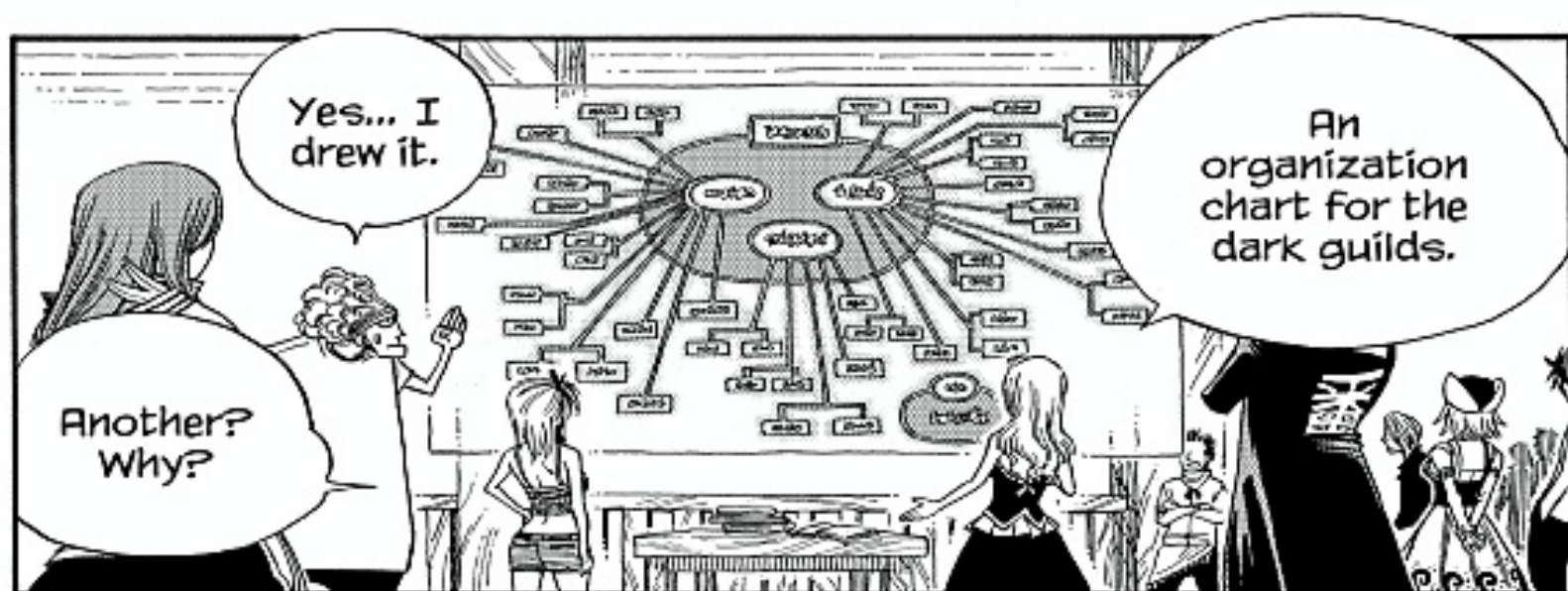
We can use the diversion to hunt for the key to remove the seal on Zeref.

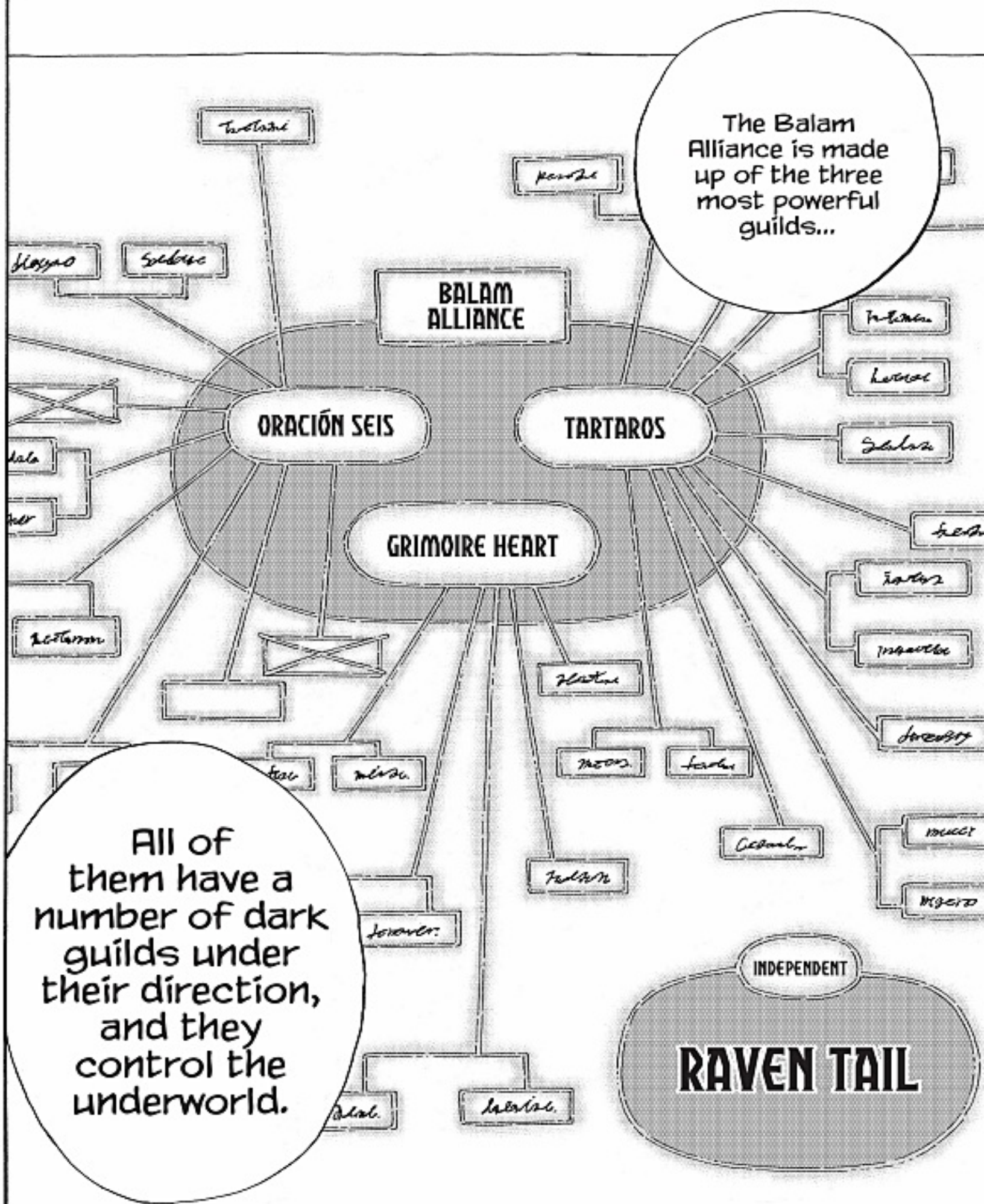
If they go on the move, the official guilds can't stay silent.



Fairy Tail...

...for instance?



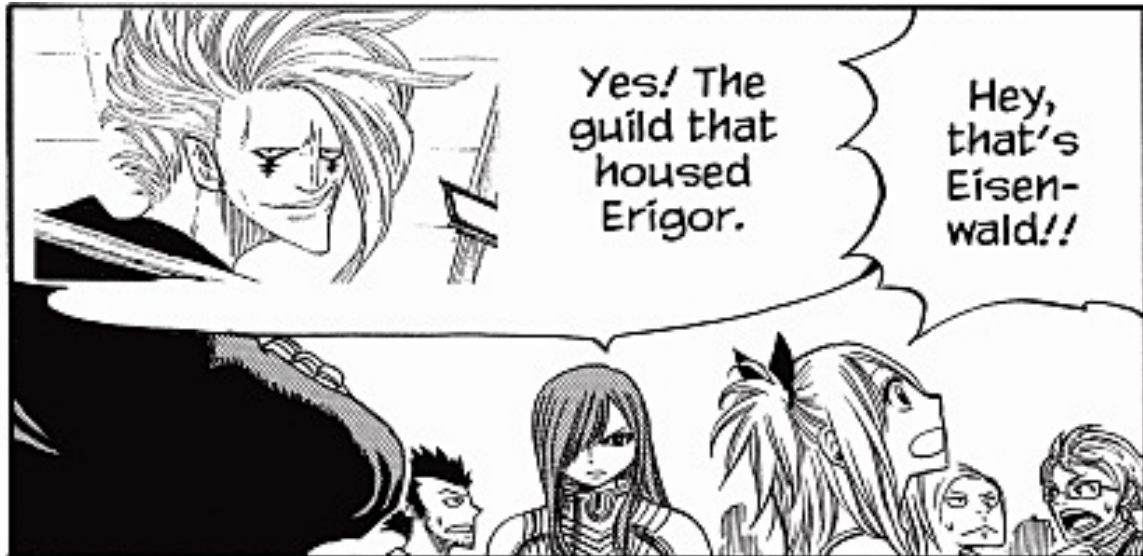


So it was under the direction a guild called Oración Seis?



Yes! The guild that housed Erigor.

Hey, that's Eisenwald!!



Ohh... I hope they're not too angry about it.



When Juvia and Gajeel were in Phantom, we crushed a bunch of dark guilds, all under Oración Seis!

The dark guild the Raijin Tribe crushed, Ghou! Spirit, was, too.

Don't smile when you say that.



Actually, about Oración Seis...



Urk!

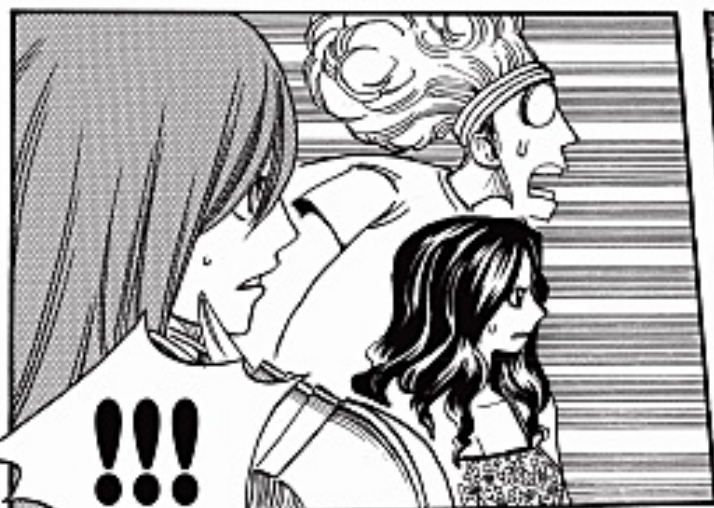
Remember, that guild with just six wizards is still considered one of the strongest!

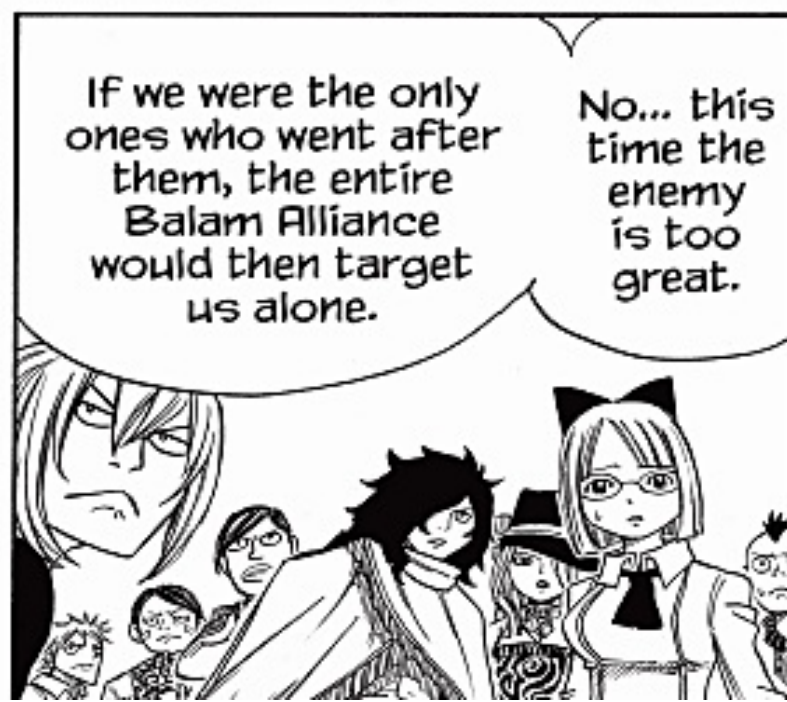
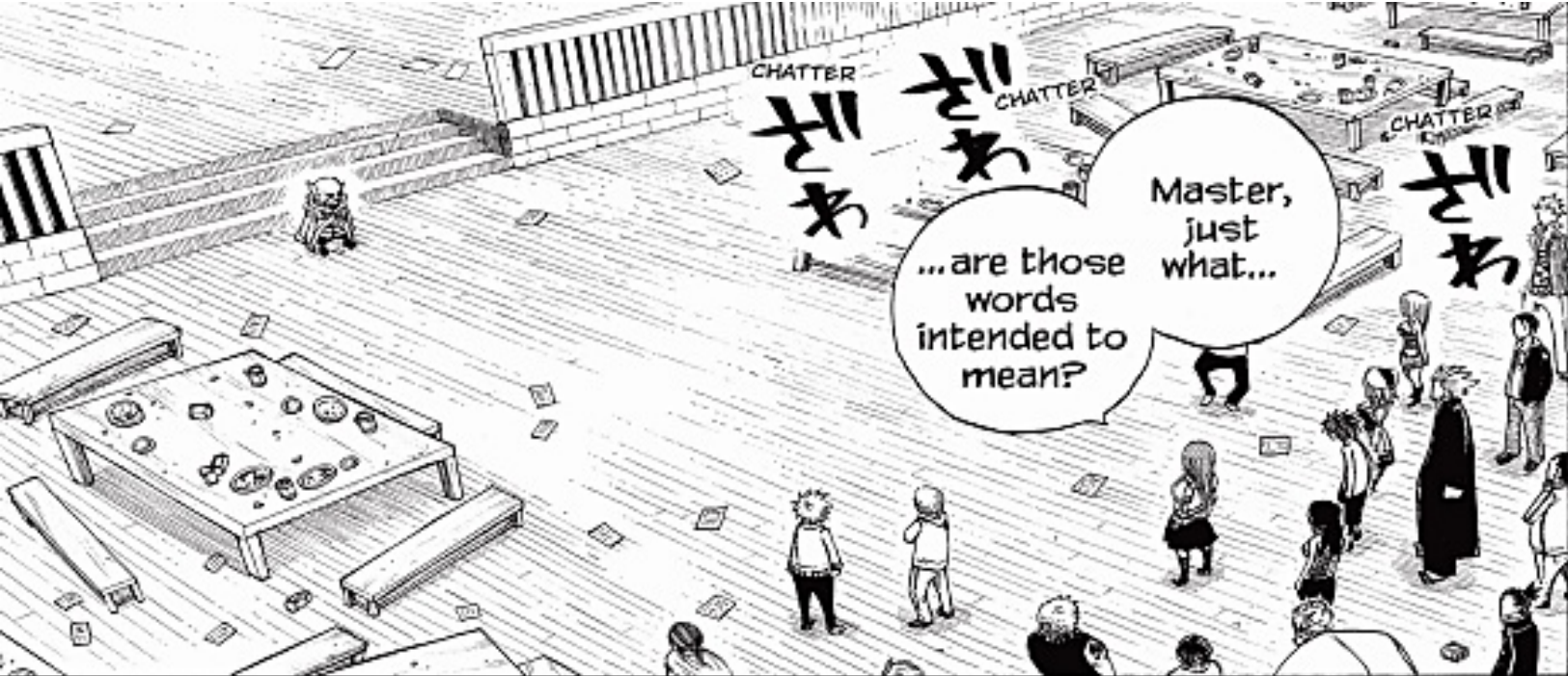


How small a guild can you get?

They're nothing to worry about... From what I hear, they're only six wizards.

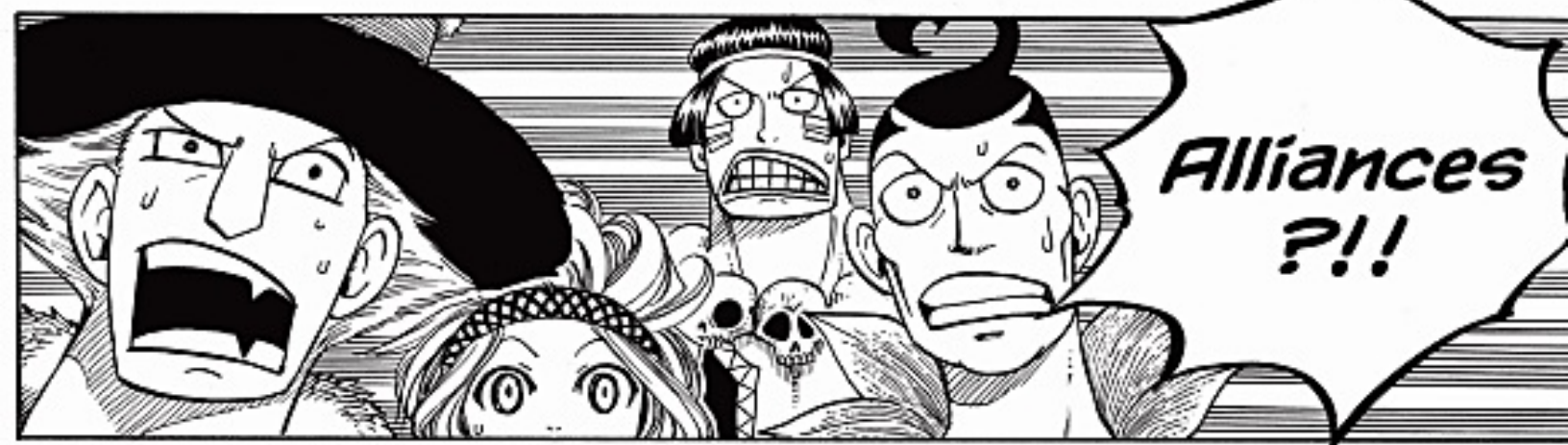






DOOOOM

**We've
decided
to form
our own
alliances!**



**Alliances
?!!**

Each of the four guilds will choose members to send, they will combine their strength, and take down Oración Seis.



...Lamia Scale...

Fairy Tail...

...Blue Pegasus ...

and Cait Shelter.

We're against only six, right?

Hold it... Wait just a second ...



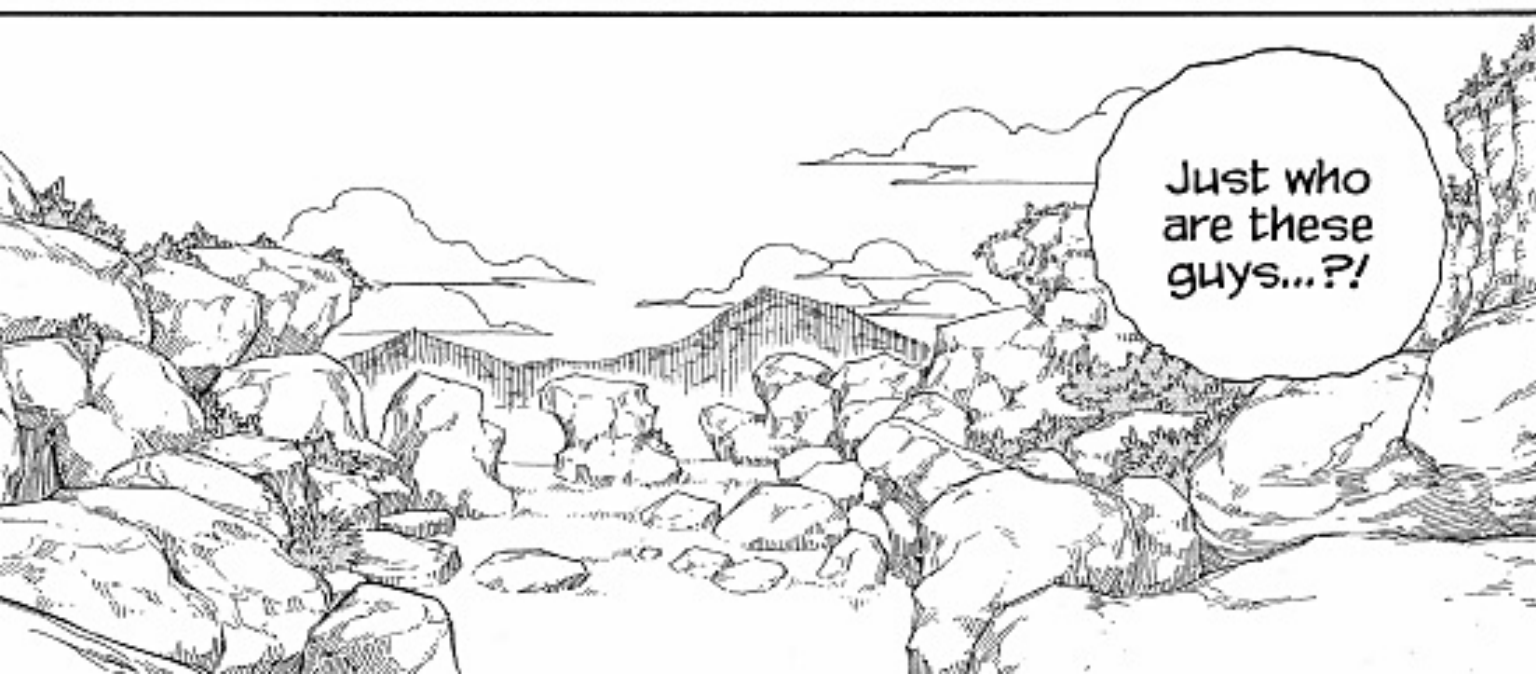
The master is concerned with repercussions.

Yeah, just us should be plenty to take them on! Wait! I should be plenty by myself!

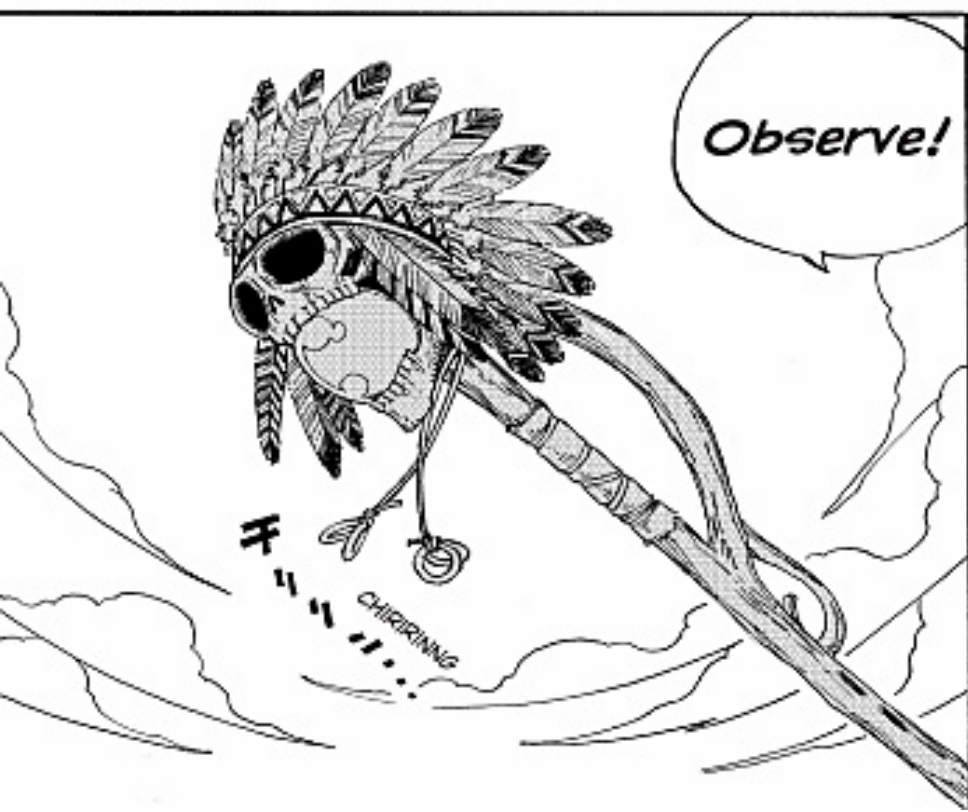
I don't get it. Why...?



Just who are these guys...?!









*The
land has
started its
march to
death!*

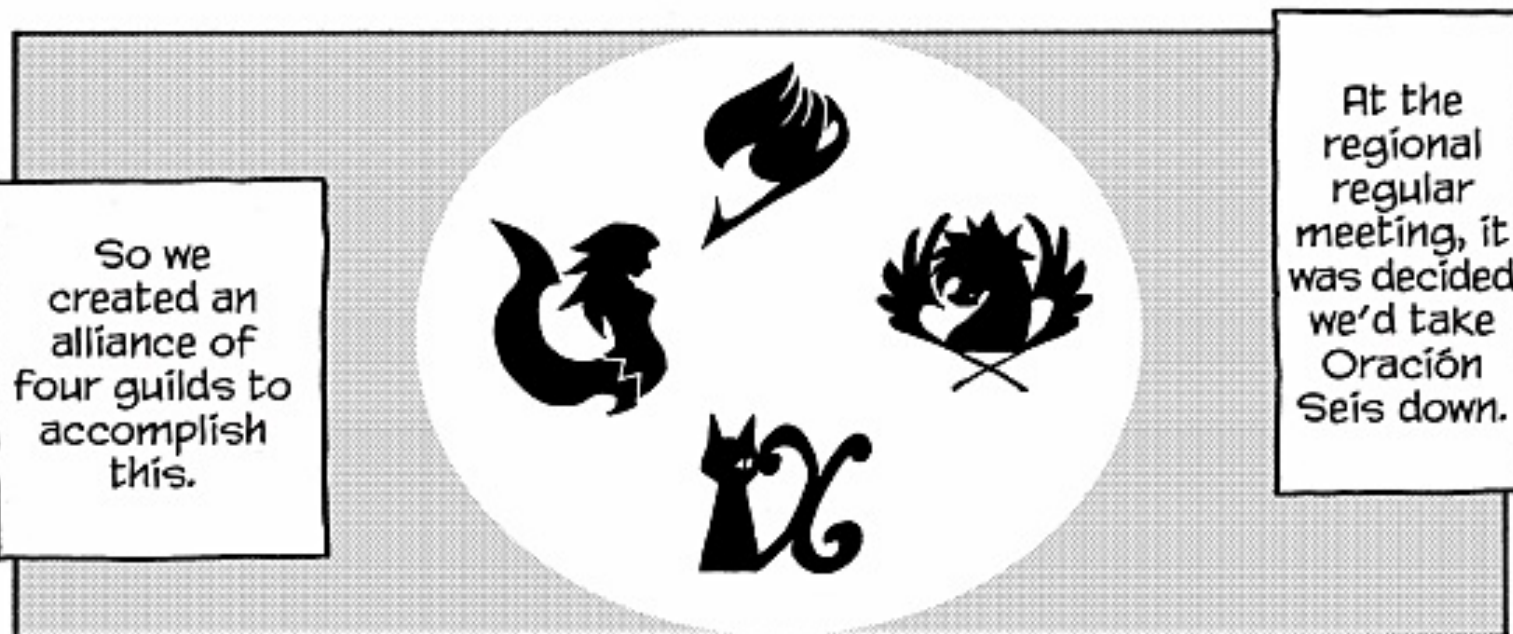
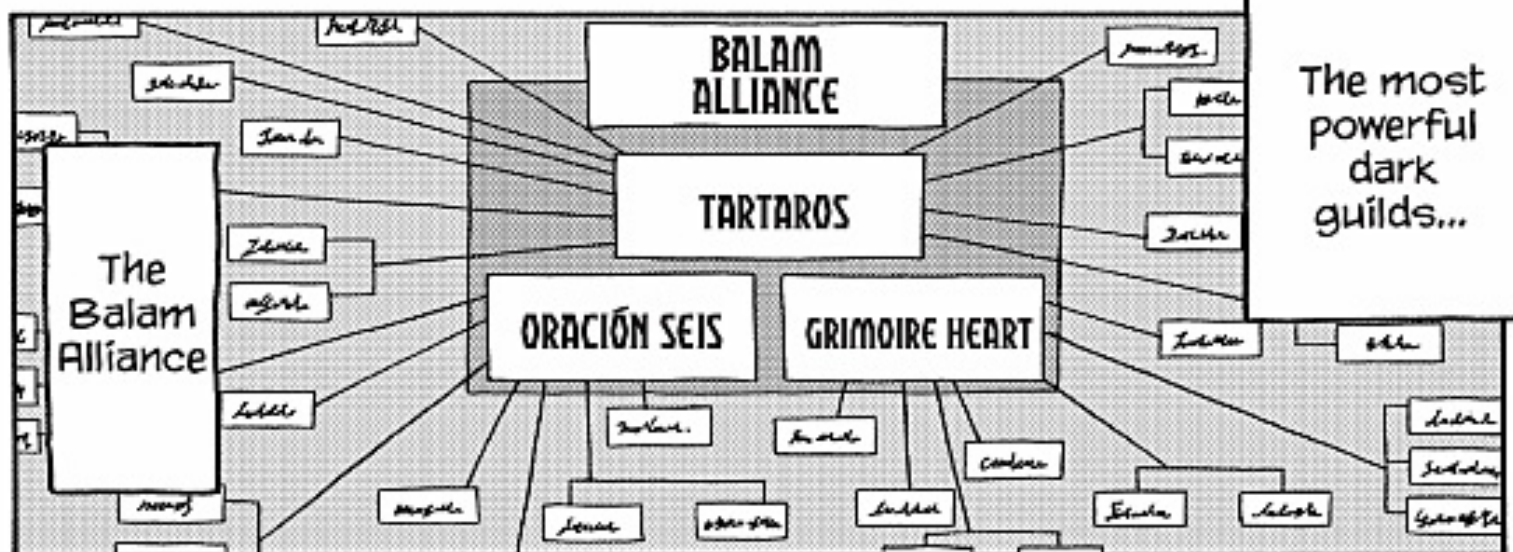
*Just
because
Nirvana is
so close
by!*

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 132: Allies, Unite!





...and
us,
Fairy
Tail.



...Caît
Shelter
...



...Lamia
Scale...



Blue
Pegasus
...



Why do I
have to be
a part of
a mission
like this?!!

HAHAH?

But
hold
it...

Master chose
the personnel
himself. And we
must meet his
high expecta-
tions of us,
correct?

KATAK
KATAK
KATAK

Well I think
it's a pain too,
but I'm not
complaining.
So quit your
whining!

WHINE
WHINE
WHINE

KATAK
KATAK
KATAK

Come...on... I mean...aren't we there...yet?

Both of them have jobs of their own.

But in a battle, wouldn't Gajeel or Juvia do better?

Thus harmony within our own group is paramount.

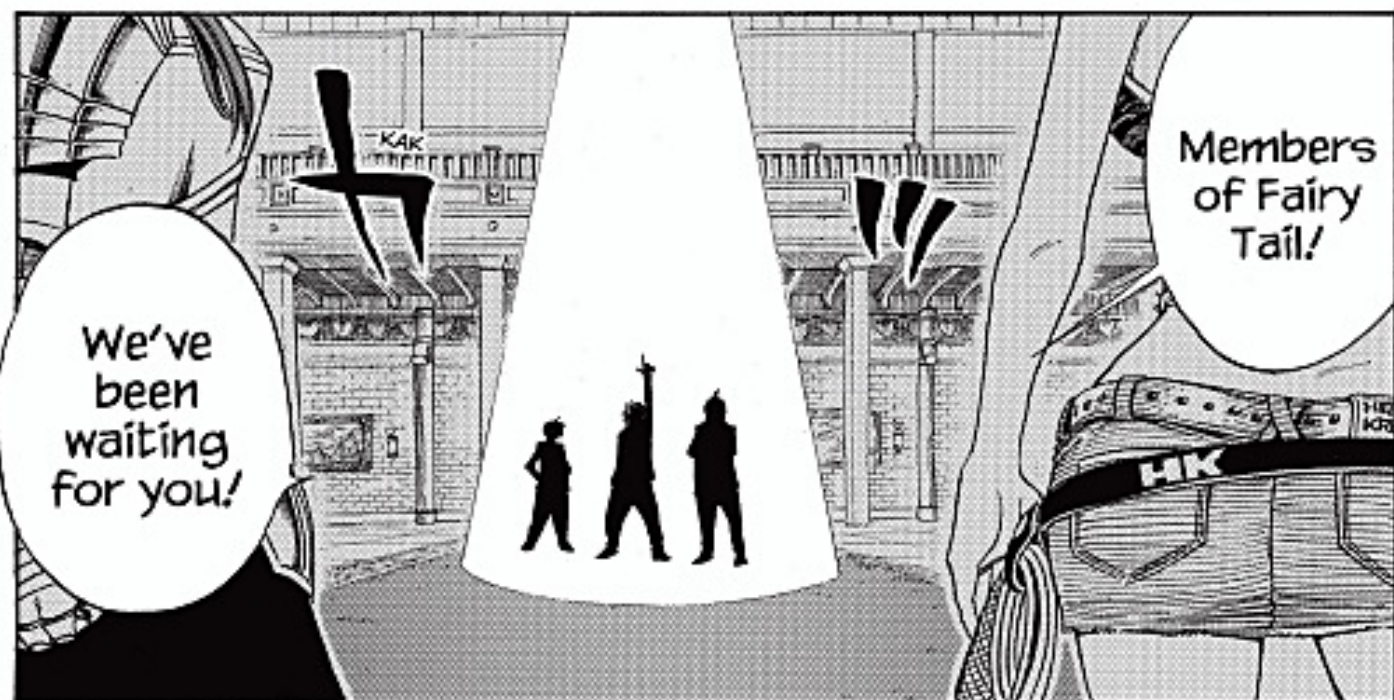
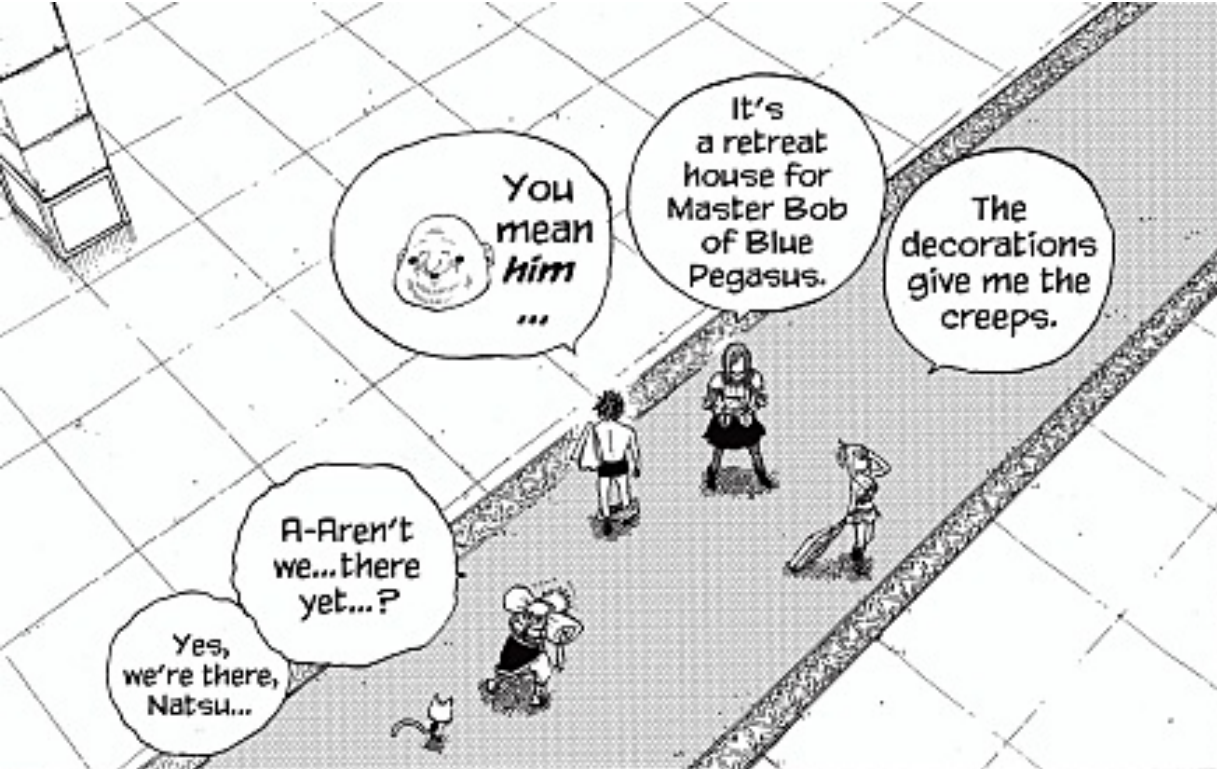
After all, we're supposed to fight alongside members of other guilds from today on.

Isn't it better that way?

So in the end, it's just the regular members?

The place where we all unite!

It's come into view.



BLUE
PEGASUS 
HIBIKI OF THE
HUNDRED NIGHTS

I am
Hibiki
of the
Hundred
Nights!



I am Eve
of the Holy
Nights!



BLUE
PEGASUS 
EVE OF THE
HOLY NIGHTS

BLUE
PEGASUS 
REN OF THE
HOLLOW NIGHTS

I am
Ren of
the Hollow
Nights!





Our guys can't compete.

Urf...

Dammit!! I forgot to wear clothes!!!



Th-They're cool...!!



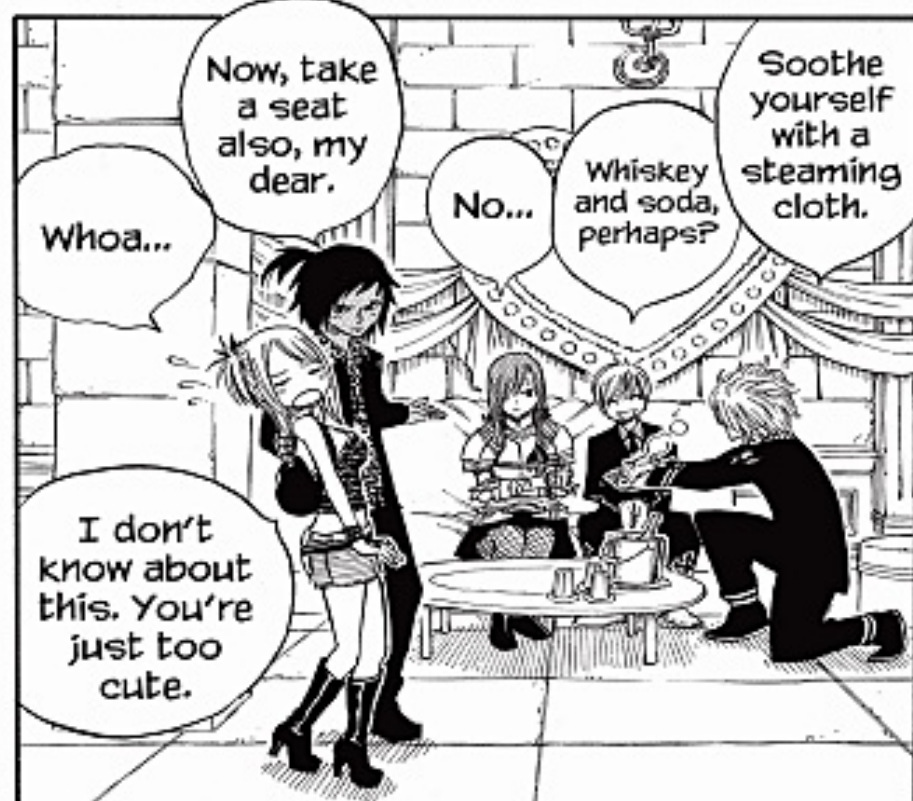
Now... if you'll step this way...

Pleased to make your acquaintance, Titania.

The rumors of your beauty were no lie.



What's with these jerks...



Now, take a seat also, my dear.

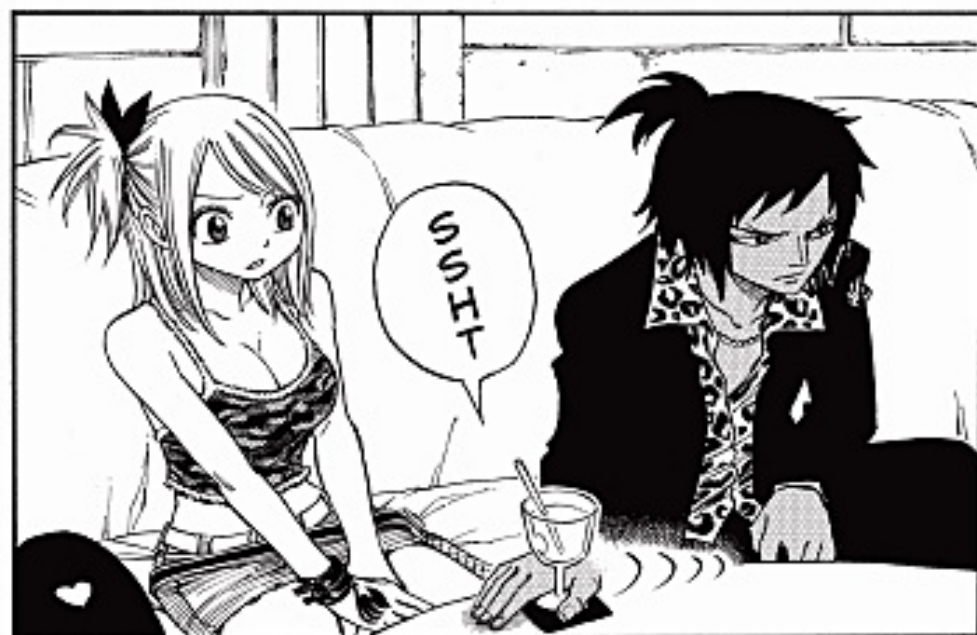
Whoa...

I don't know about this. You're just too cute.

No...

Whiskey and soda, perhaps?

Soothe yourself with a steaming cloth.



Allow
us to
serve you
tonight
and...

Now...
You must be
exhausted
from your
long journey.



I-I never
dreamed you'd
be taking part
in this...

How long
has it been,
Erza-san?

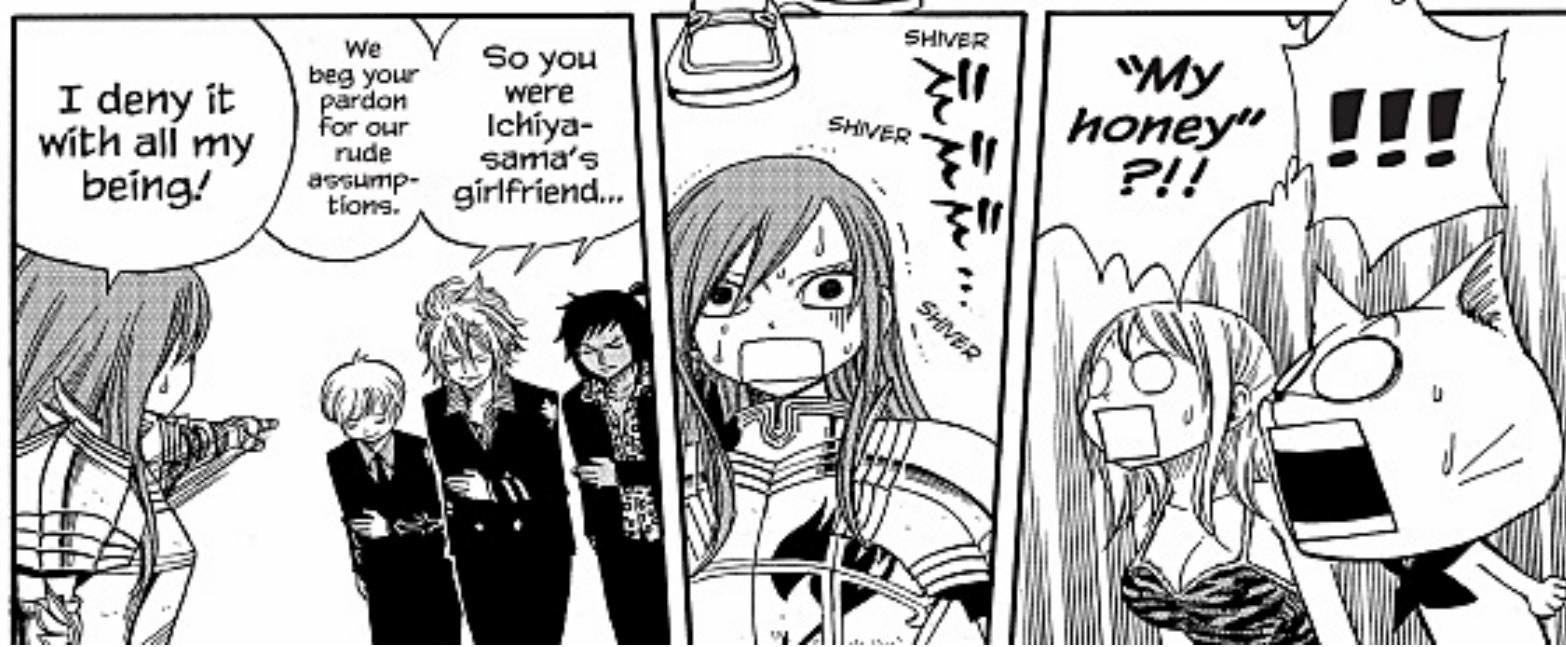
Ichiya?

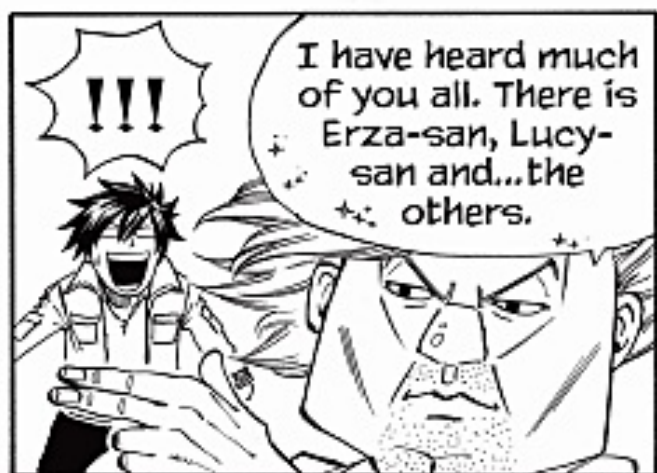
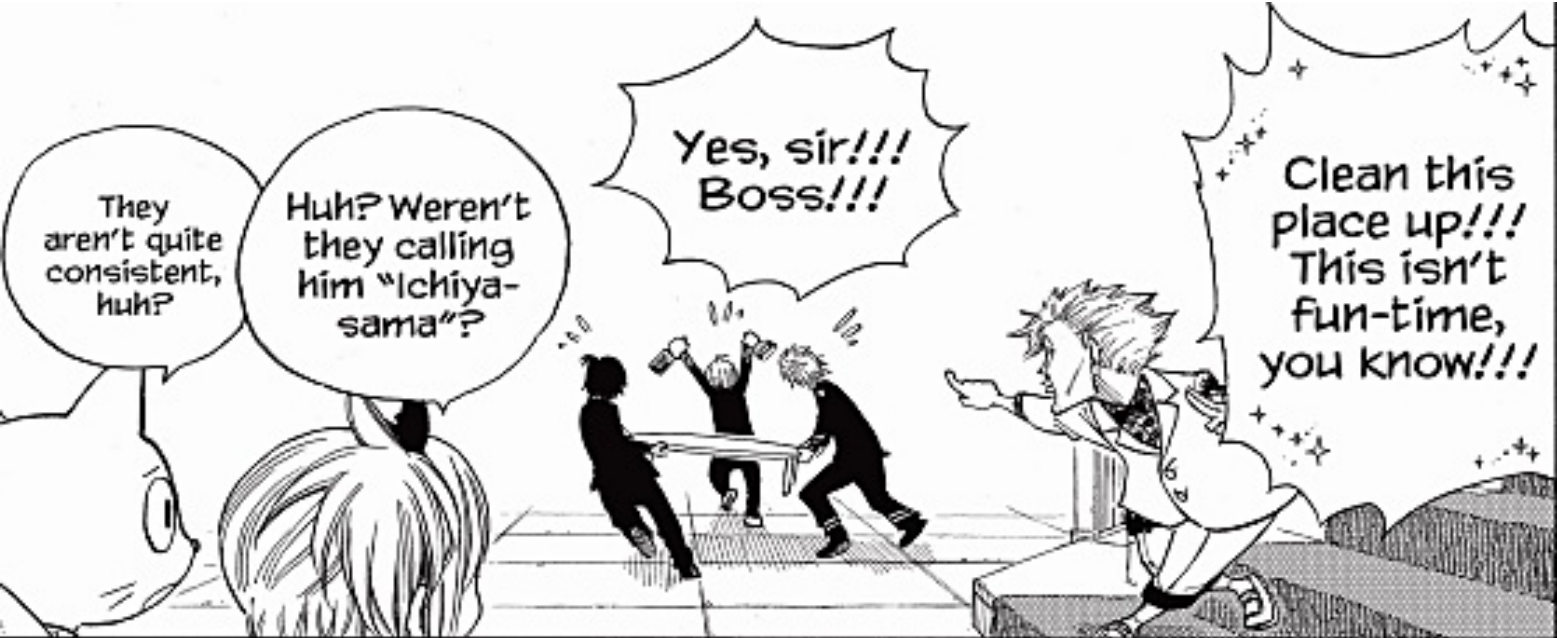
It's
Ichiya-
sama!

Wh-
What's
that
sweet-
sounding
voice?



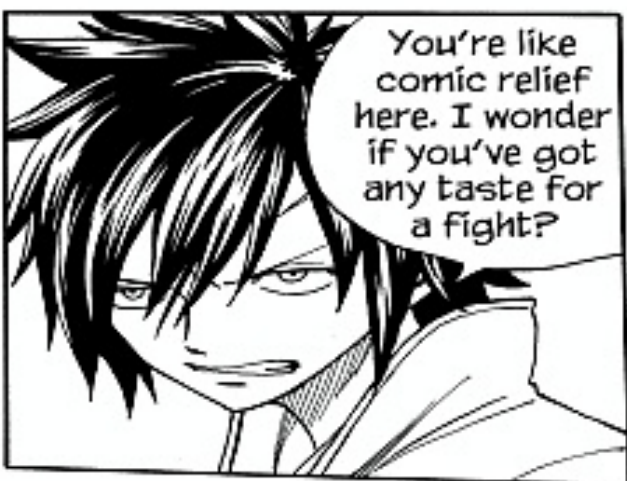
*The name Ichiya means "one night."



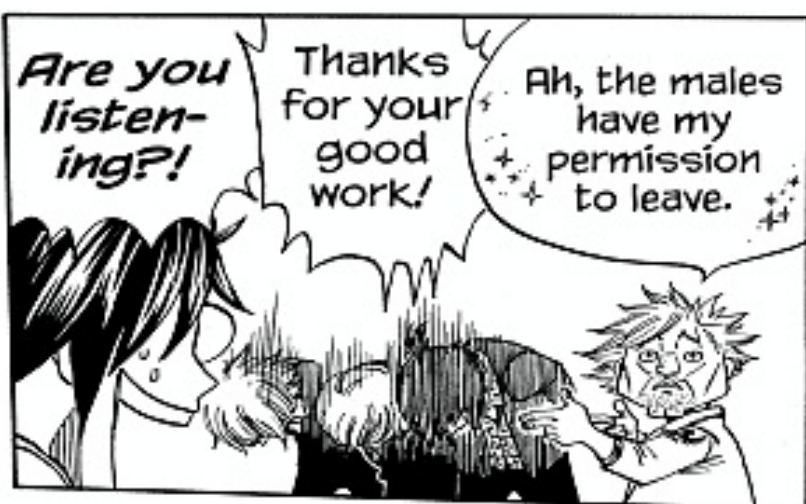




I'm gonna ask you once to lay off the princesses of my guild.



You're like comic relief here. I wonder if you've got any taste for a fight?



Ah, the males have my permission to leave.



Erza-san, your perfume is as sweet as ever!



Stop it! All of you!

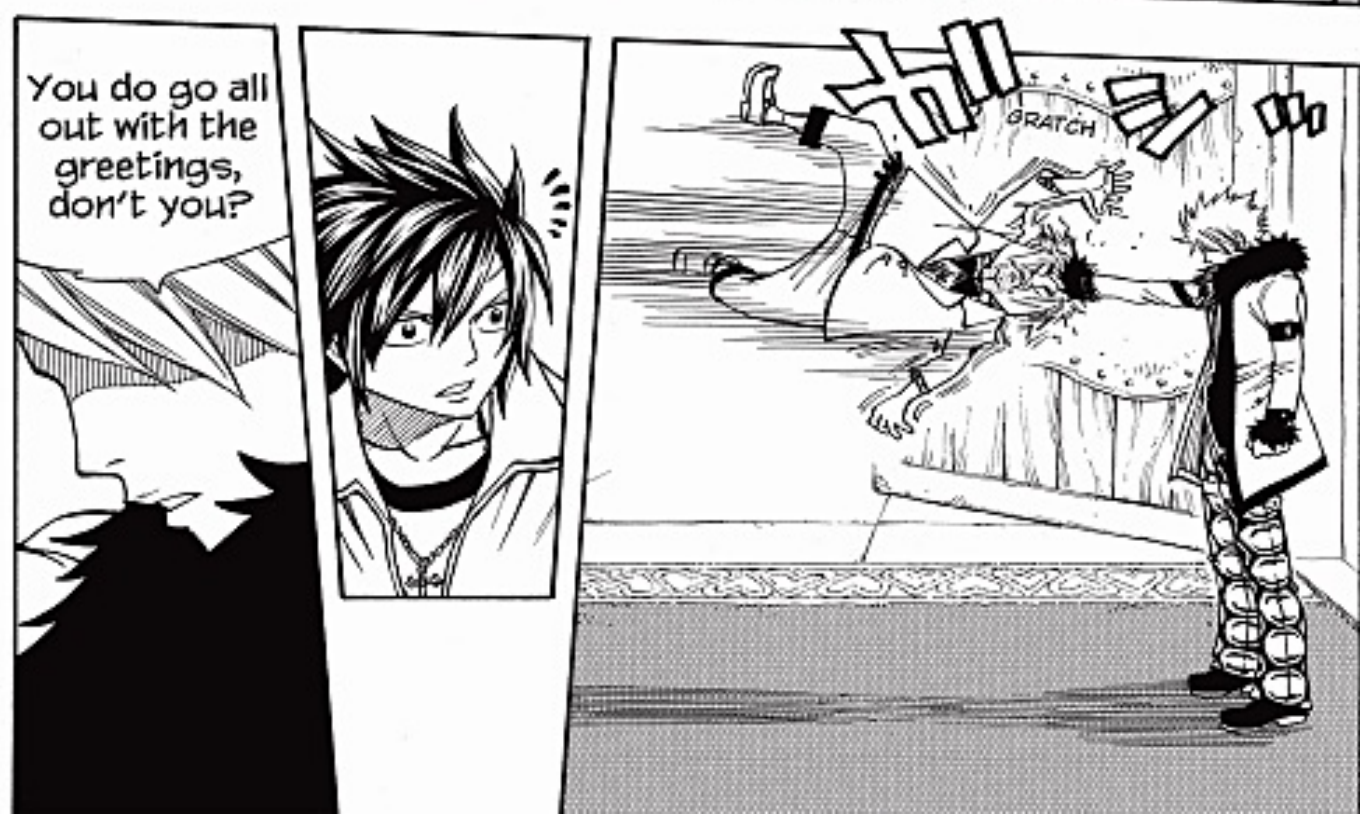


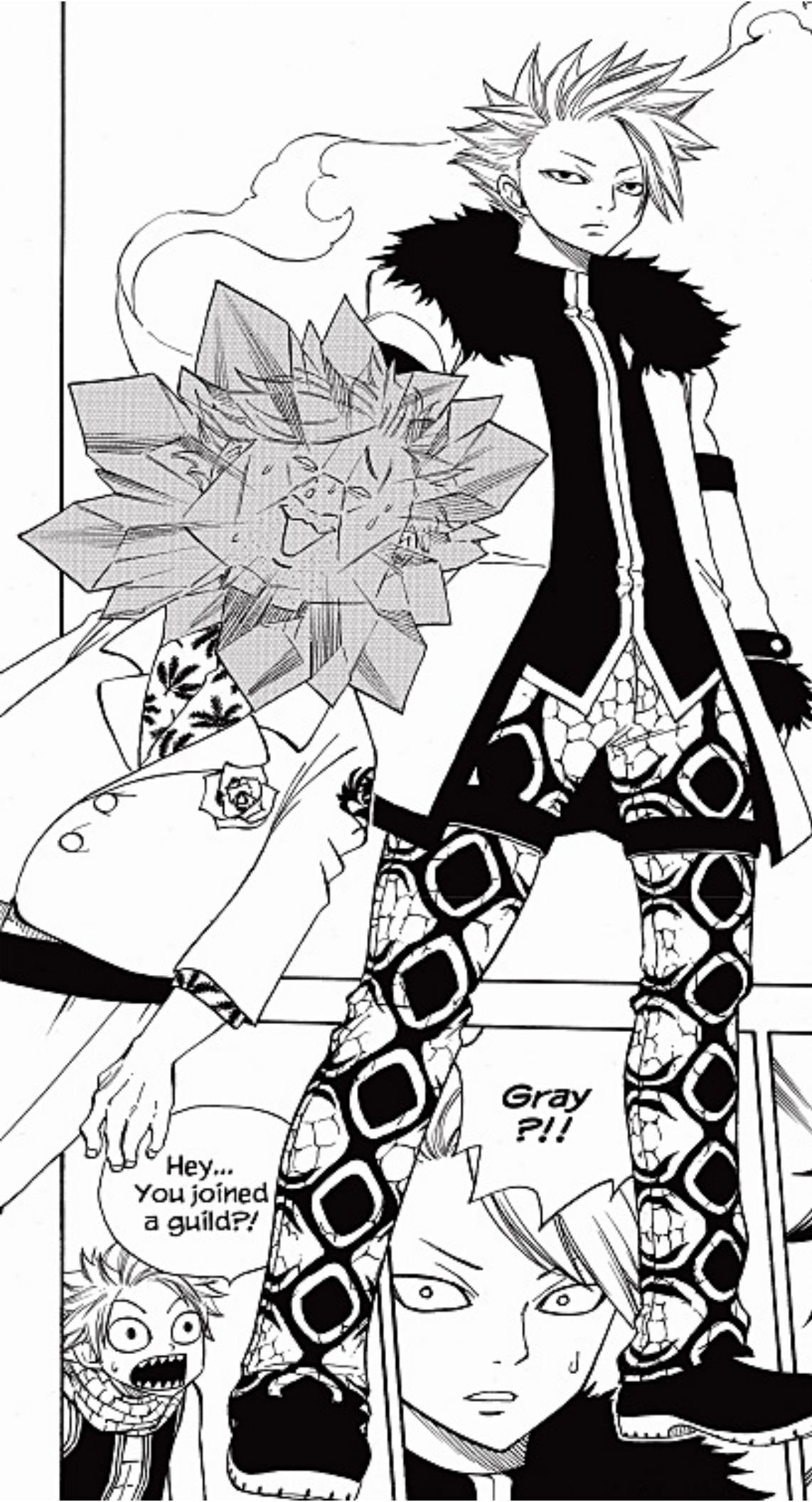
A fight?! Count me in!!!



We've got skills, I warn you.

You want to try us?



A black and white manga panel featuring Lyon, a young man with spiky hair, wearing a dark coat with a fur collar and patterned leggings. He is holding a large, multi-layered bouquet of flowers. He has a serious expression. In the background, a man in a suit is partially visible. At the bottom, three other characters are shown in reaction: a small spiky-haired boy on the left, a man with a headband in the center, and a young man with long hair on the right.

Attacking
Lamia
Scale? I'll
take you
on.

LAMIA SCALE
LYON 

Hey...
You joined
a guild?!

Gray
?!!

Lyon
?!!





LAMIA SCALE
SHERRY







Jura-san...

Is this time for infighting?!



LAMIA SCALE
JURA

We are here to unite as allies...

...to defeat the Oración Seis!



"Jura" ?!!



He's one of the ten wizard saints!

Who?



...the Ace of Lamia...

...Iron Rock Jura!

So he's...

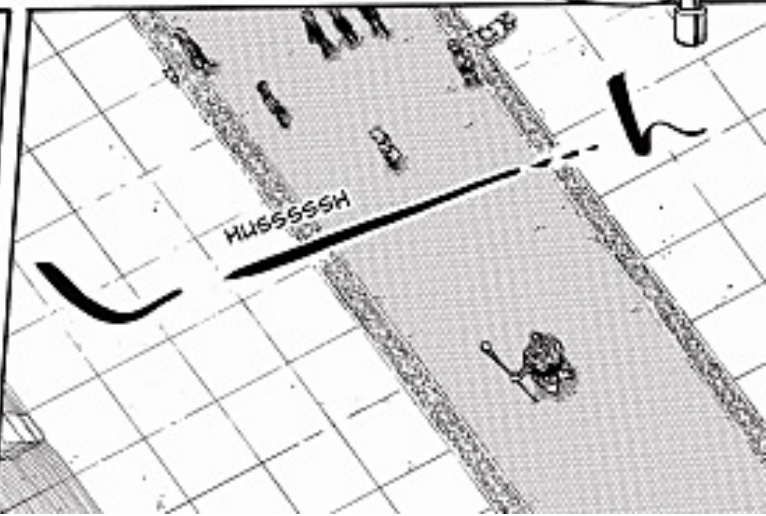


Grrrr ...

We can do just fine with three.

You fairies and Pegasus have four each?

Even I've heard that name before!





...but
I have
heard it
will only
be one.

You say
group
...



All that's
left is the
group
from Cait
Shelter.

Now we
have three
guilds
accounted
for.



W-Wait a
second... Just
how scary is this
person?!

Just one?!!
A mission as
dangerous as this,
and they can
spare only one
wizard?!!



That
hurt...



I'm
sorry
I'm so
late!

U-
Um...



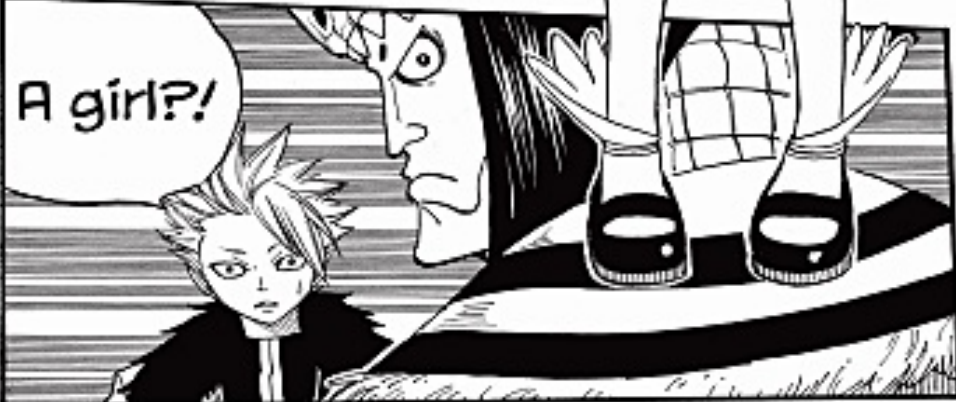
EEK!



It's
nice to
meet you
guys!!

I'm here
from Cait
Shelter.
Wendy!

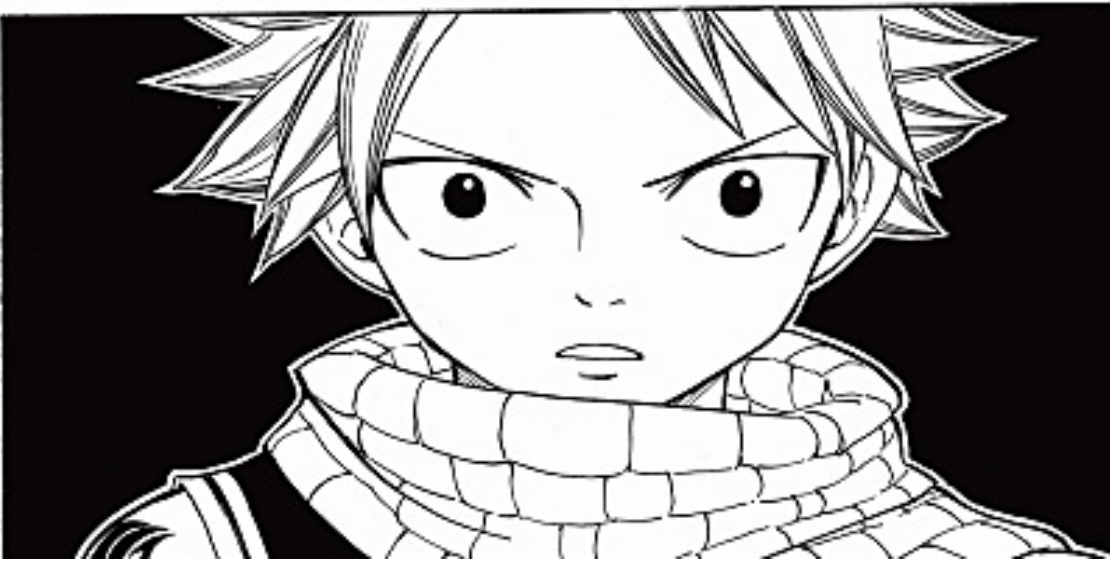
CAIT SHELTER
WENDY 



A girl?!



A
child?!

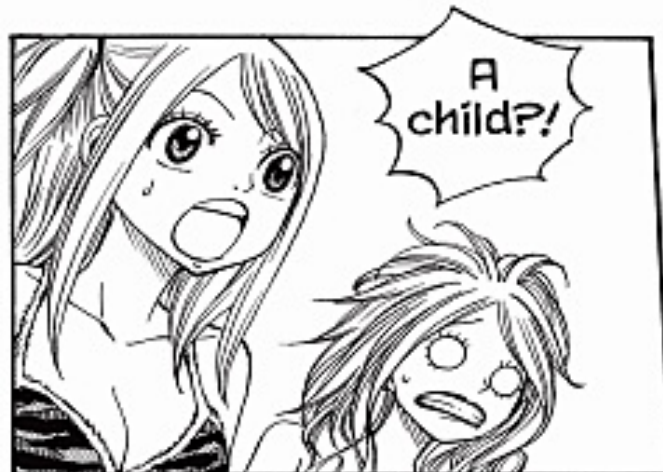
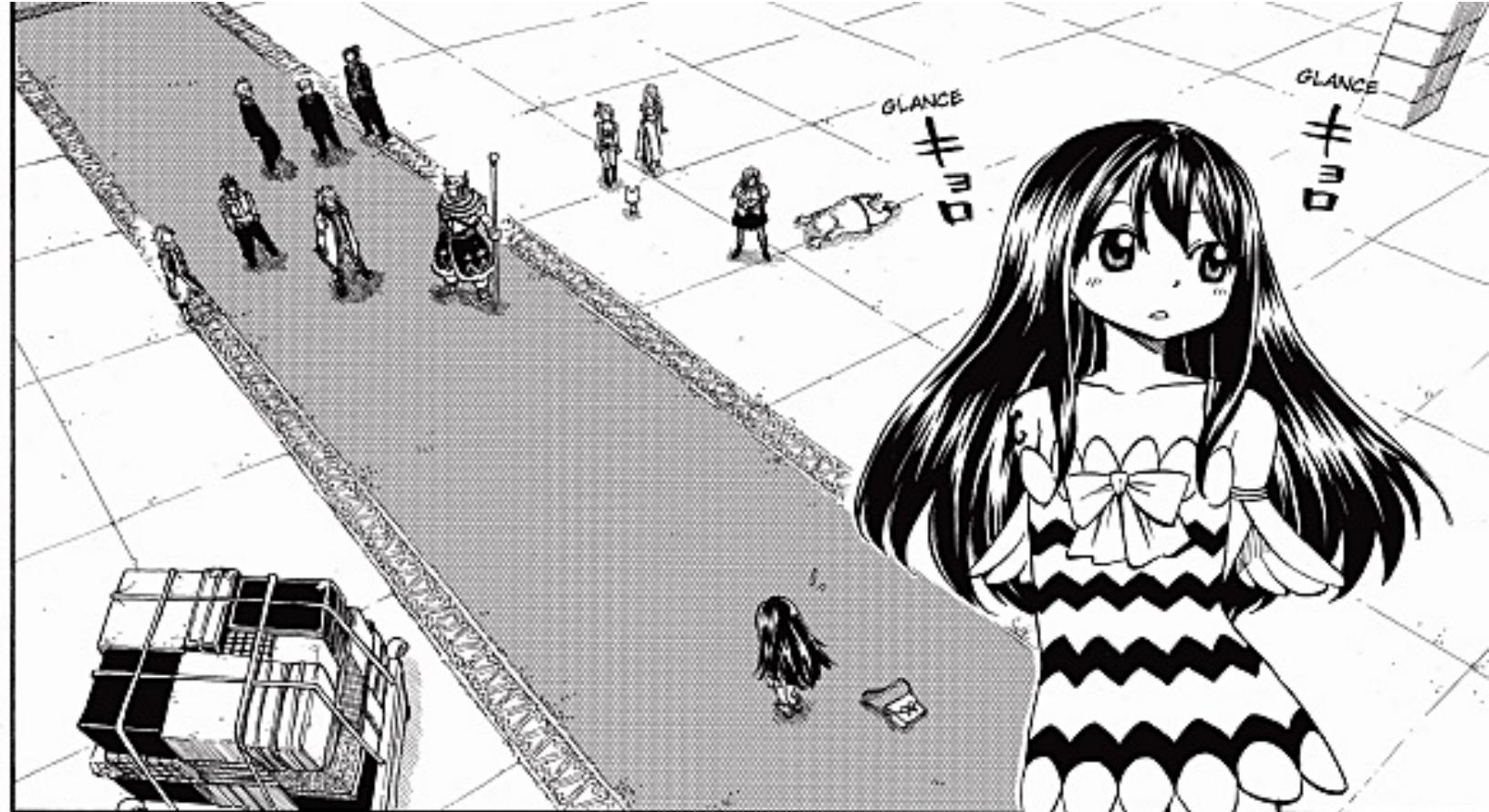


Wendy?

FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 133: 12 vs. 6

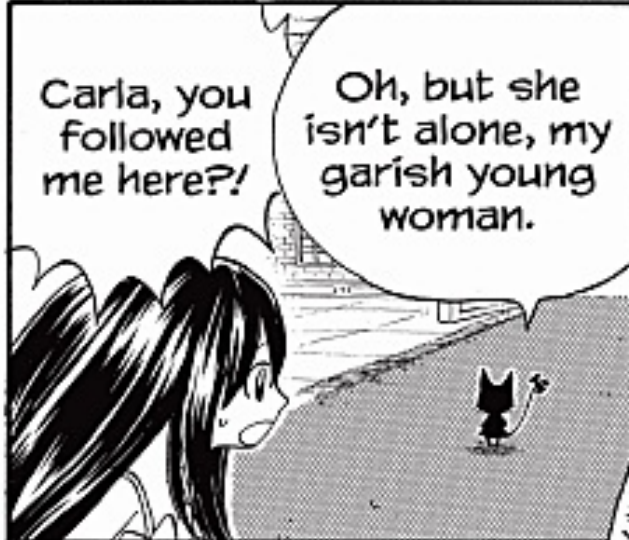




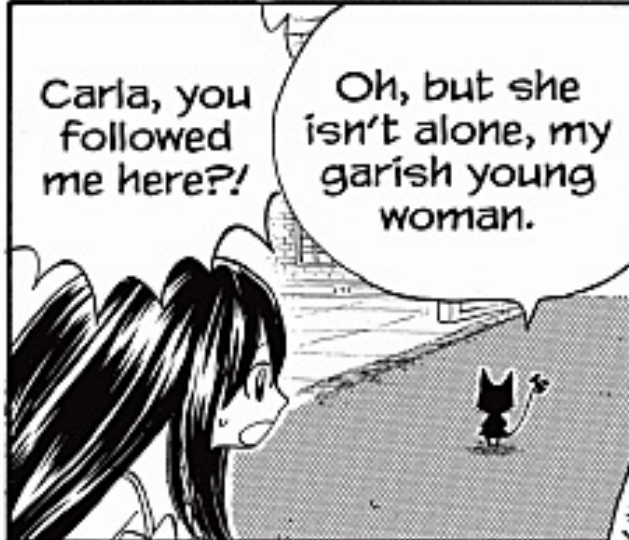
No pauses
to consider
things?!!



Now that all
the guilds are
accounted
for...



Carla, you
followed
me here?!



Oh, but she
isn't alone, my
garish young
woman.



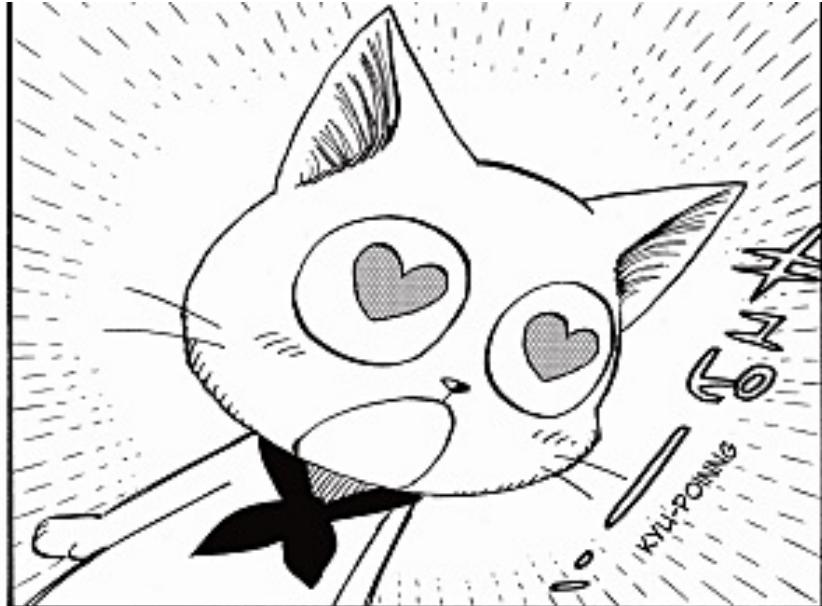
...what
can Cait
Shelter be
thinking?

We've got
a massive
punitive
mission, and
they send
one child
alone...



I'd be
overcome
with worry
were you
alone.

*Of
course
I did!*



Glad to have you with us, Wendy.

Excuse us... We were surprised, but we haven't the slightest intention of leaving you out.

It's that weakness of spirit that allows others to dismiss you.

So please, don't leave me out of the party!!

HUMPH

GO

D-Do you know about us all? I'm the Kittymander, Happy!!

A more striking woman than I predicted.

Wow... It's Erza-san! ...Right in front of me, Carla!

He's fast!!!

So...my small one, step this way...

She's very cute right now.

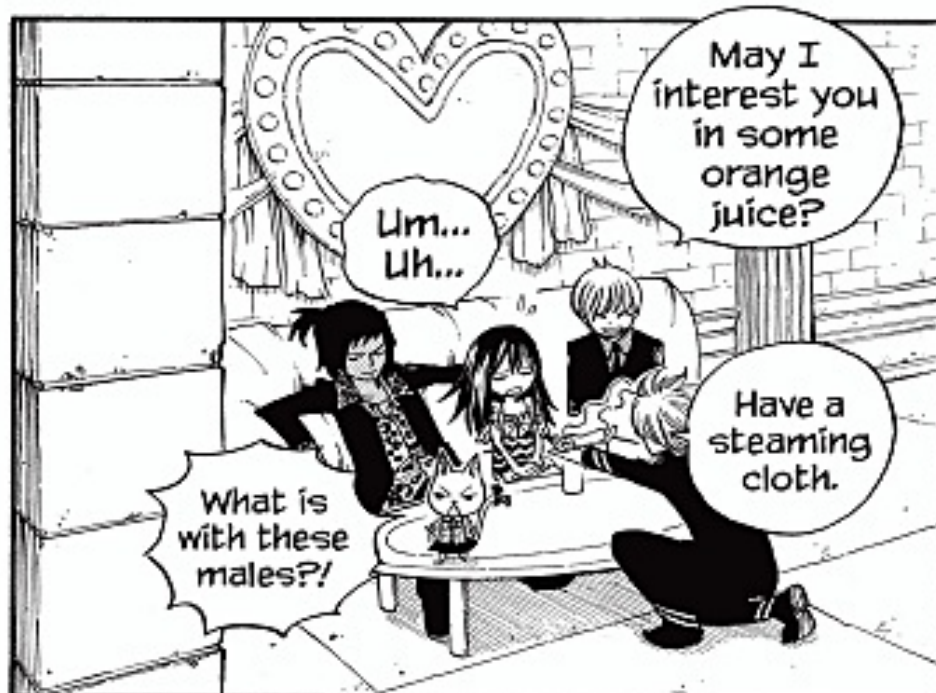
That kid's going to grow up into a beauty.

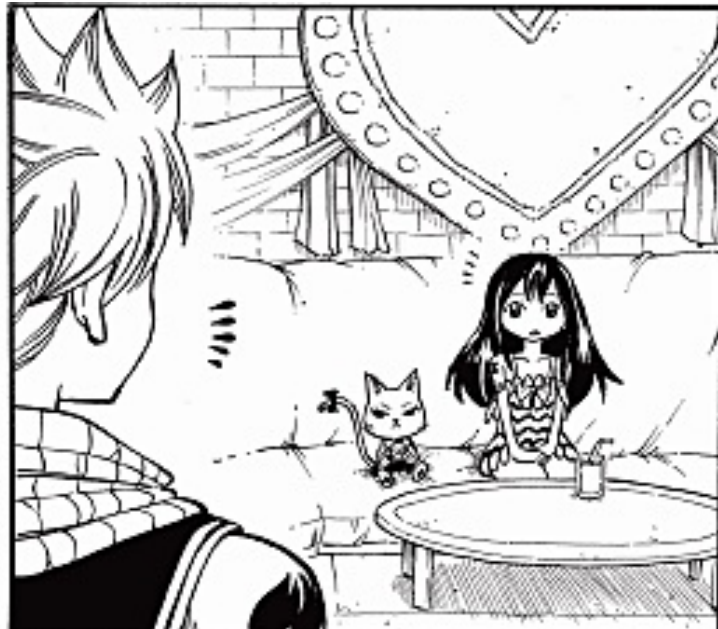
It looks more like she's ignoring you to me.

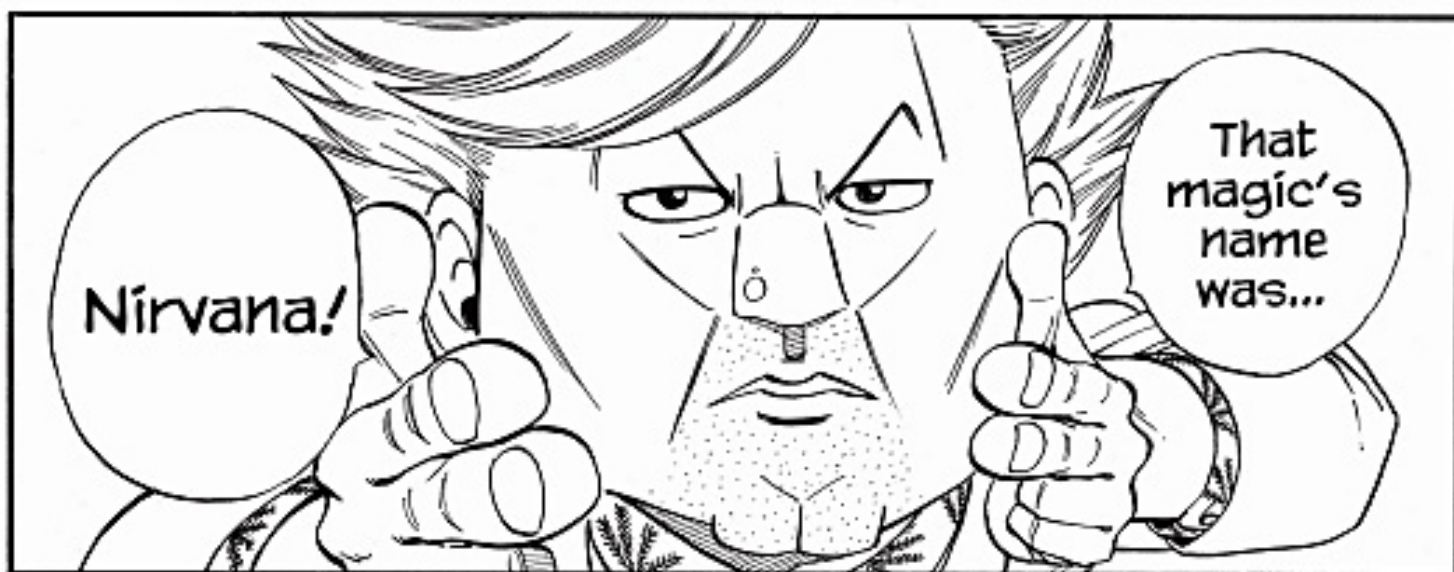
How cute! She's acting all shy!

Eh...?

Um...







It's safe to assume that the Oración Seis are gathered there...

...to get Nirvana for themselves.

I don't know what this magic is, but...

For the ancients to seal it away tells us that it's very destructive magic.

And to make sure that doesn't happen...

...we have to stop the Oración Seis!!!!



Those six are unbelievably strong.

...but don't take them lightly for a second!

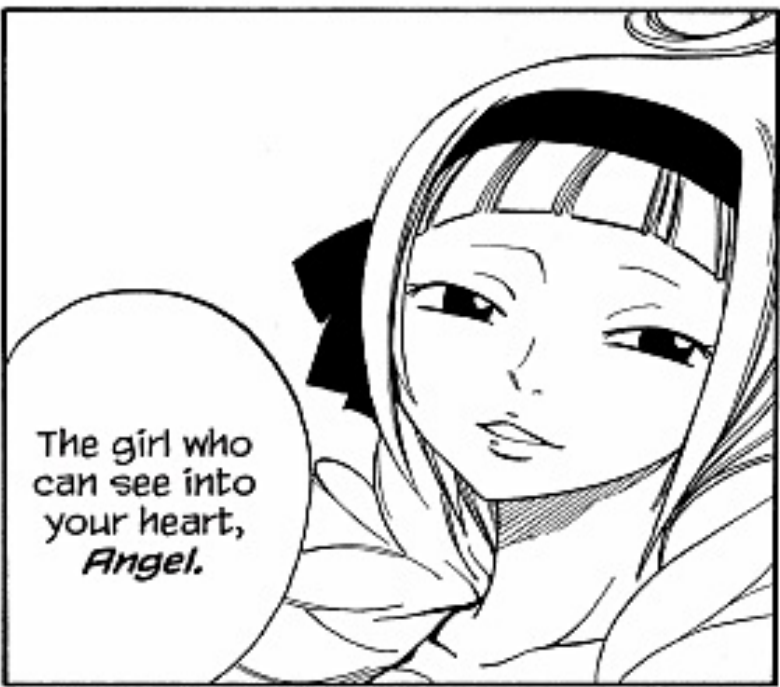
We have twelve people versus their six...

A character with spiky hair, a visor covering his eyes, and a mechanical jaw. He is wearing a dark uniform with a crest on the collar.

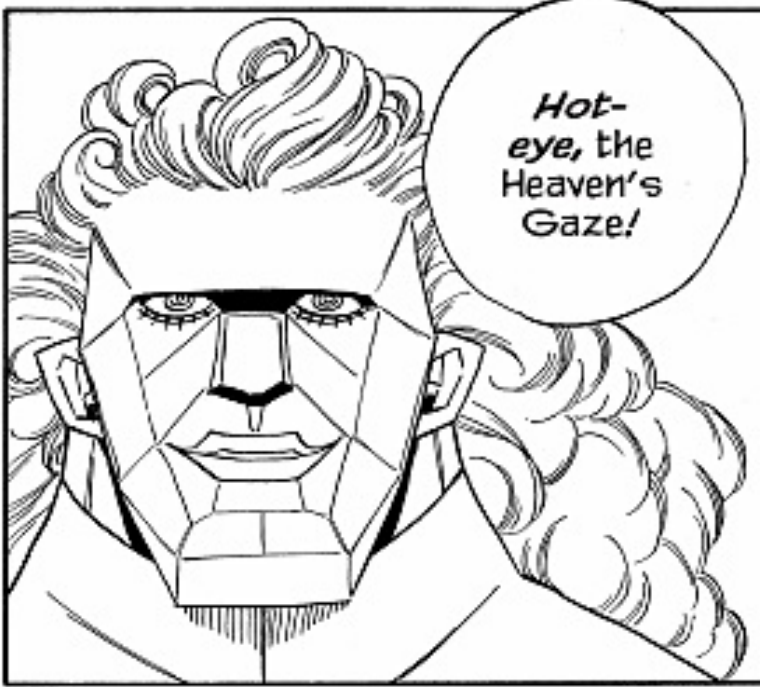
One who, it is believed, lives up to his name with speed-based magic, *Racer*.

A character with spiky black hair, a slight smile, and a high-collared coat with buttons.

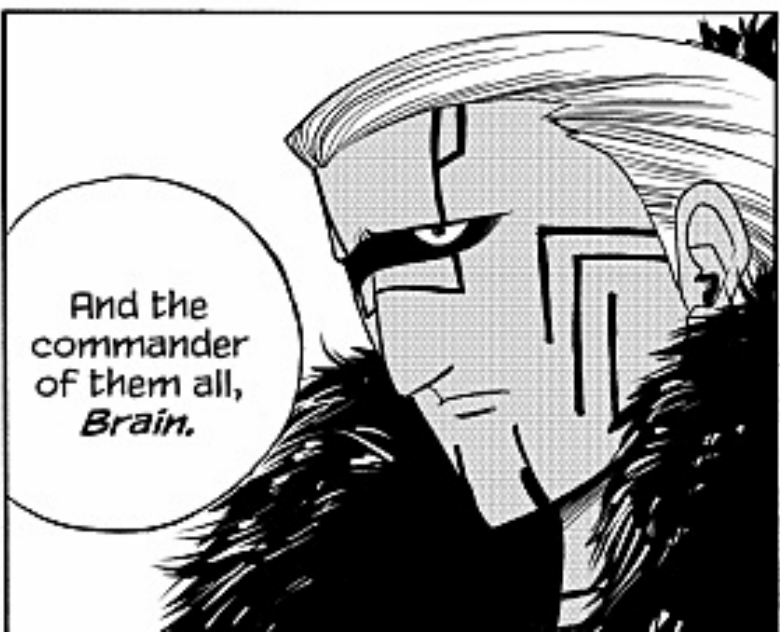
The wizard who controls poisonous snakes, *Cobra*.

A young girl with long, light-colored hair and a headband with a cross-like ornament.

The girl who can see into your heart, *Angel*.

A character with a large, ornate, crystalline mask and voluminous, curly hair.

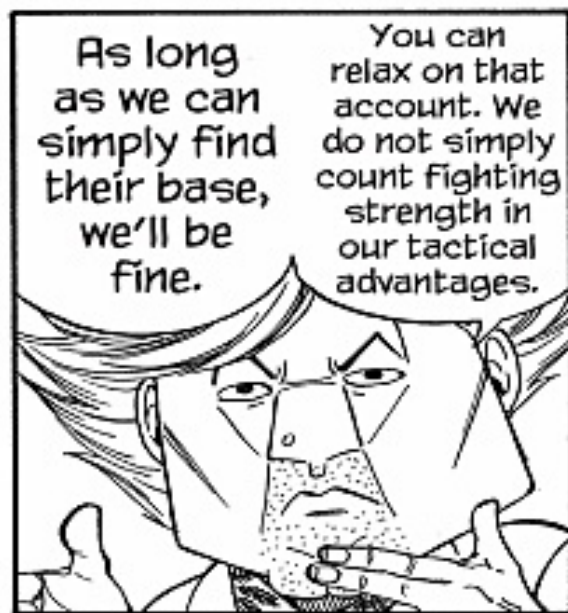
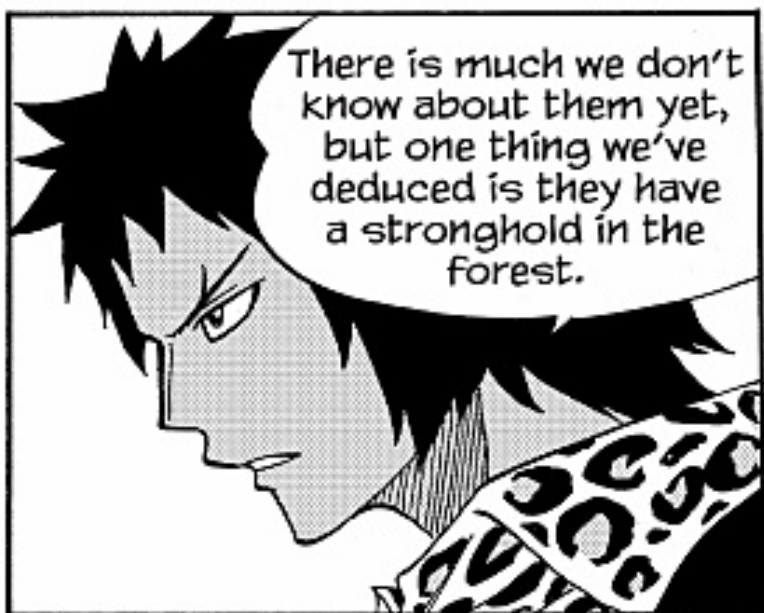
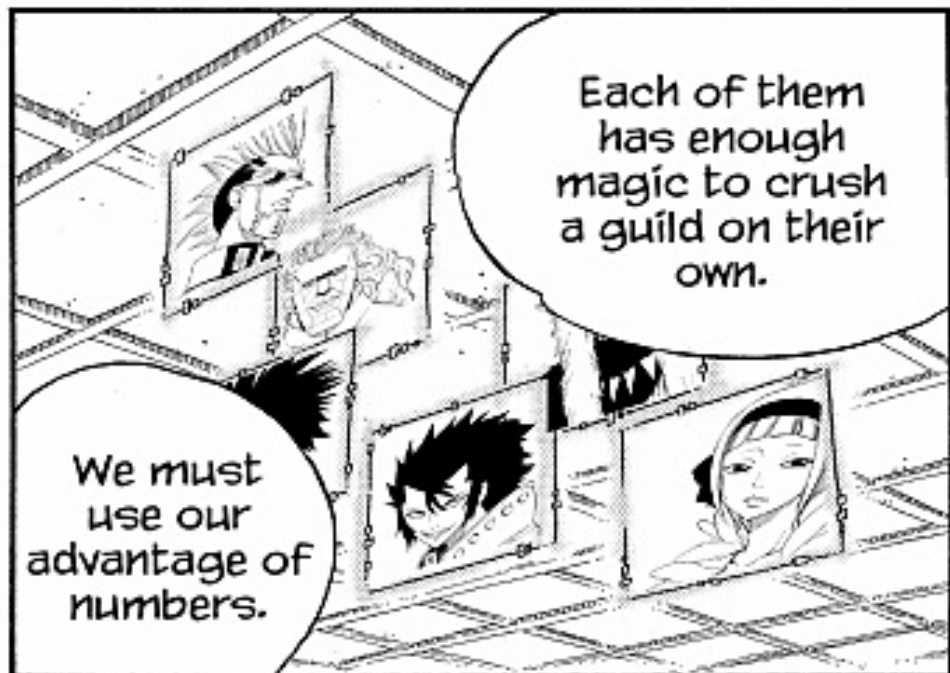
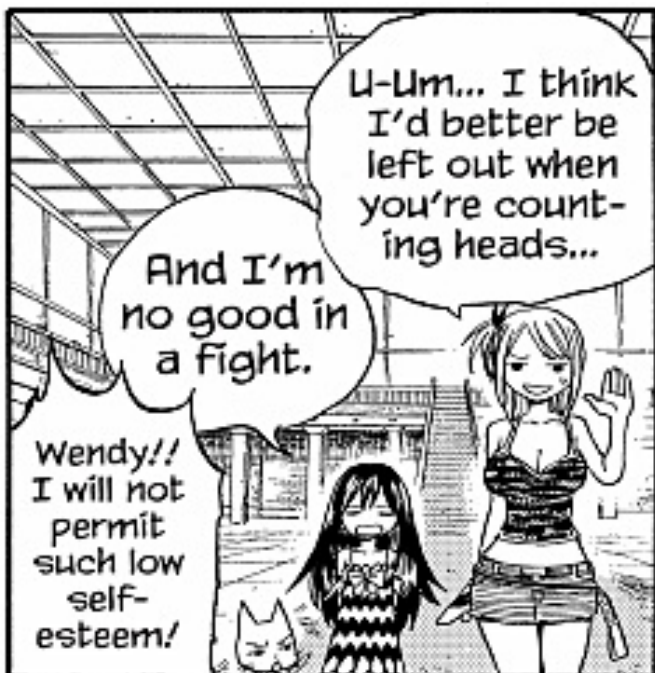
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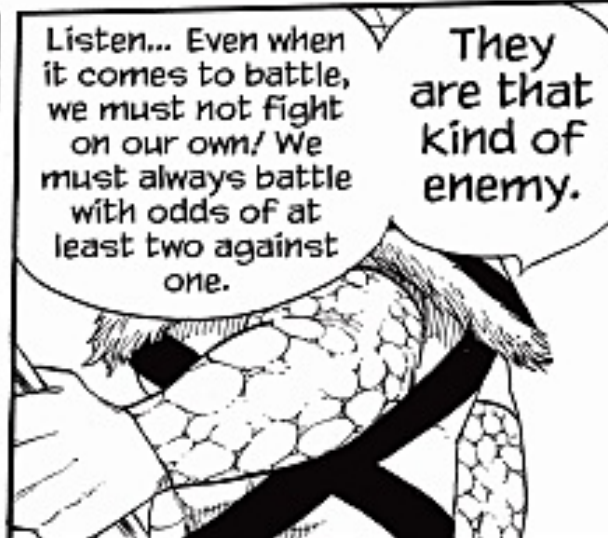
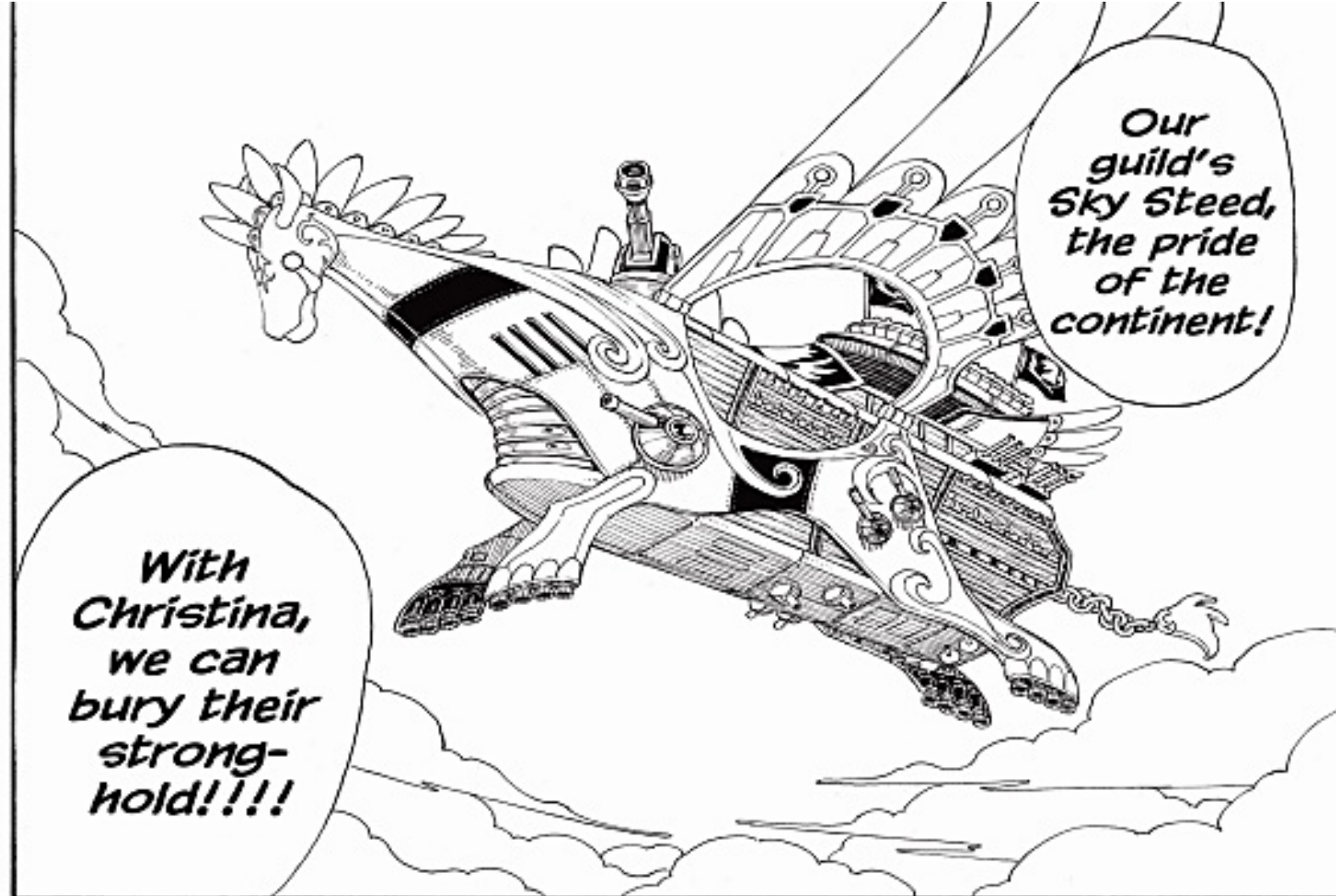
A character with a large, angular, metallic helmet and a thick, dark fur collar.

And the commander of them all, *Brain*.

A character with spiky black hair, a dark eye patch, and a high-collared coat with a chain.

We have very little data on this man other than his name, *Midnight*.







***I'm
gonna
go take
on all
six at
once
!!!!***

I'm sure
he didn't
hear a
word.

Natsu
!!!



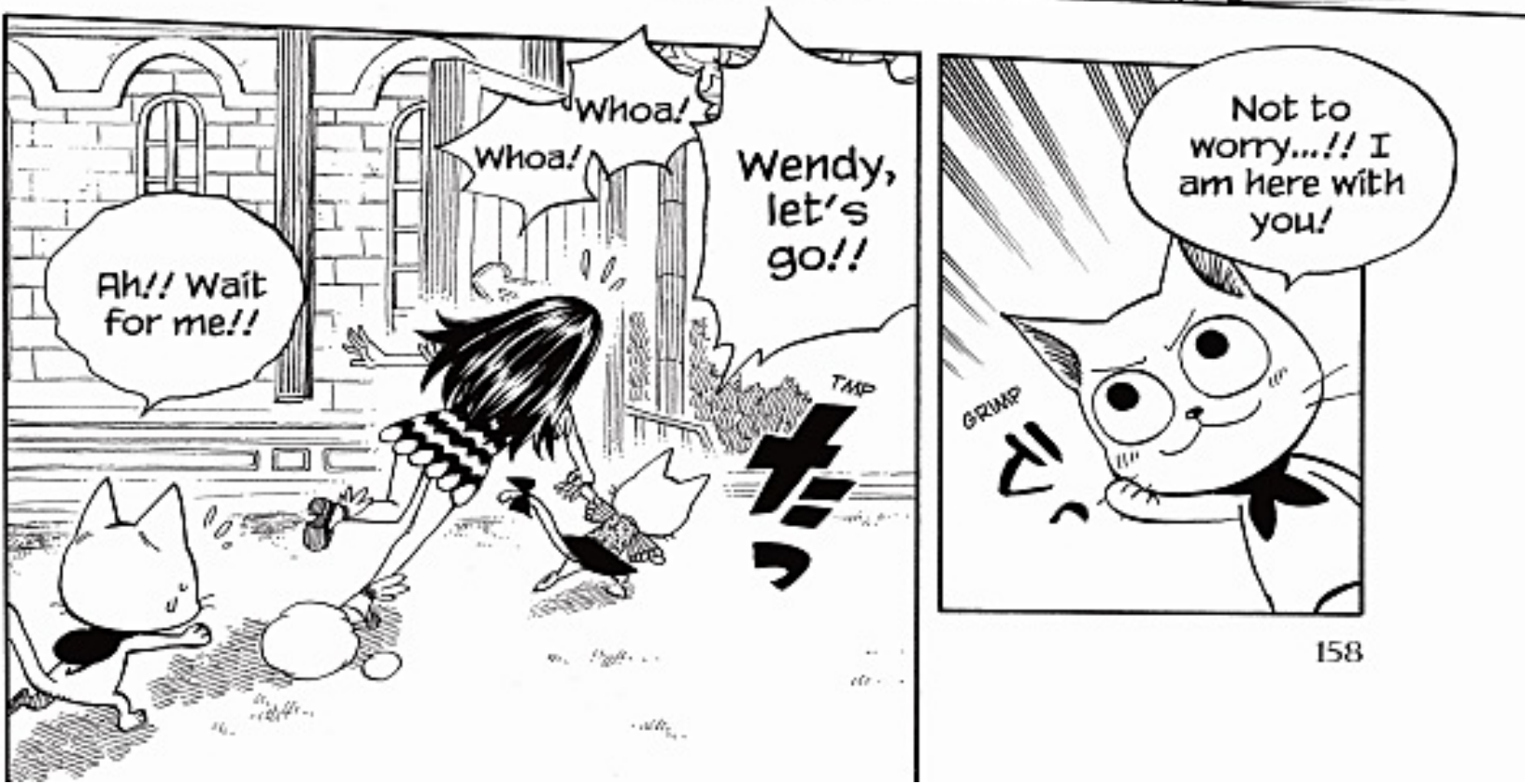
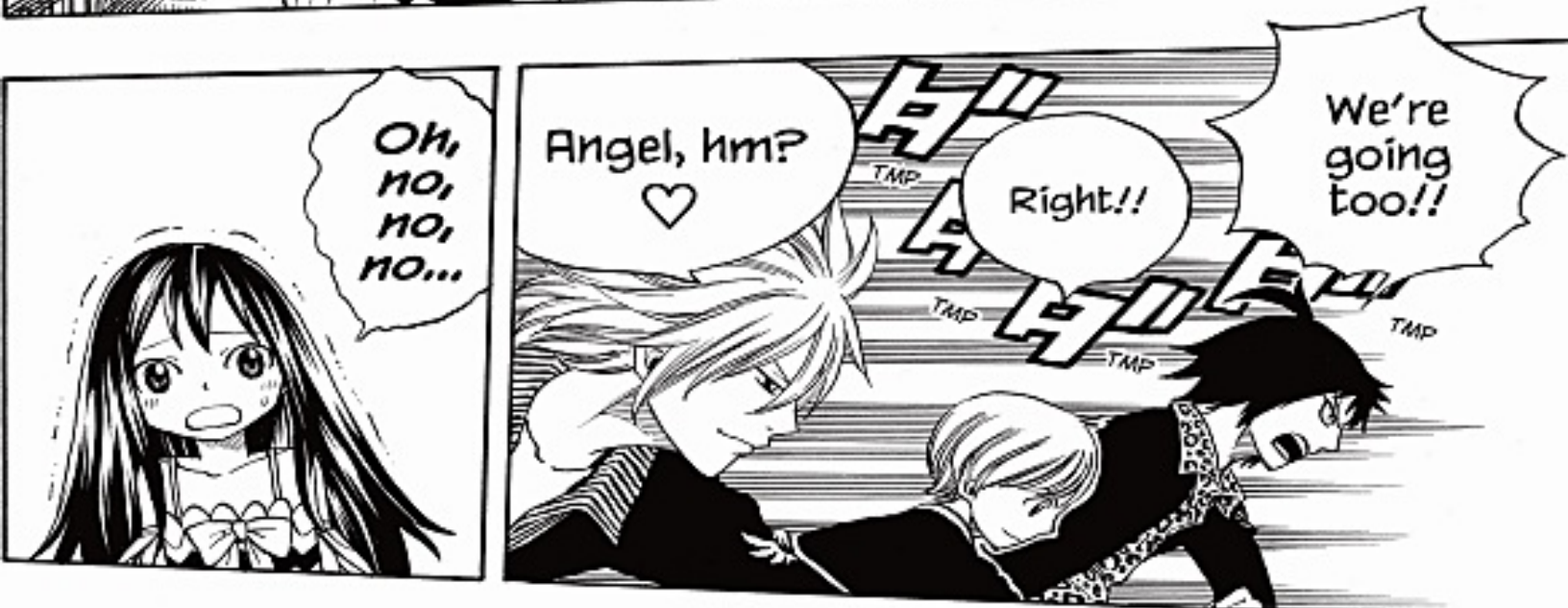
I'd rather
not be
shown up
by Fairy
Tail.

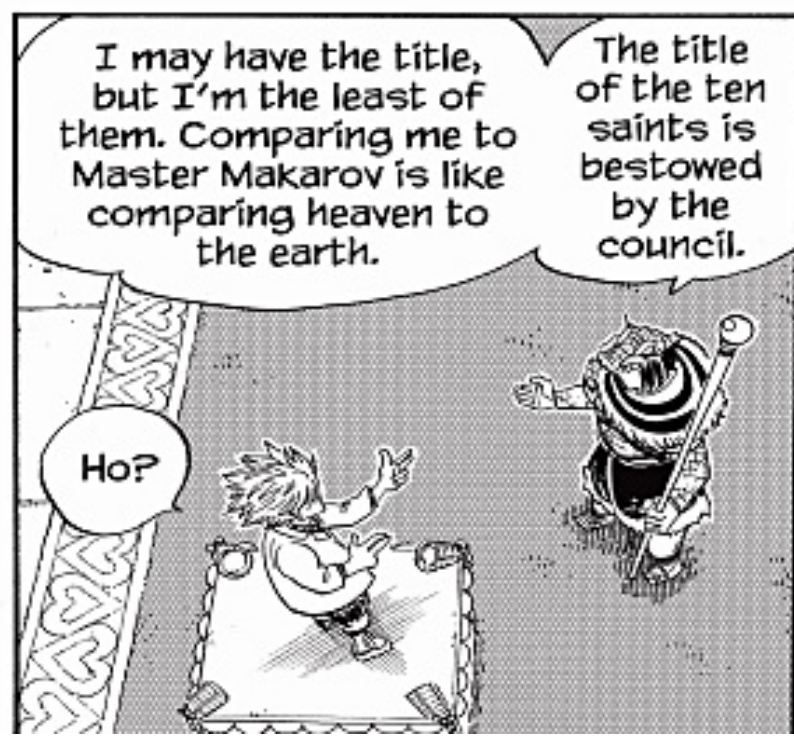


Geez, that
idiot!

Waaah!

We have
no choice.
Let us go.





I was worried
about what
I'd do if you
were on the
same level as
Makarov.

I am
relieved to
hear it.

Urk!

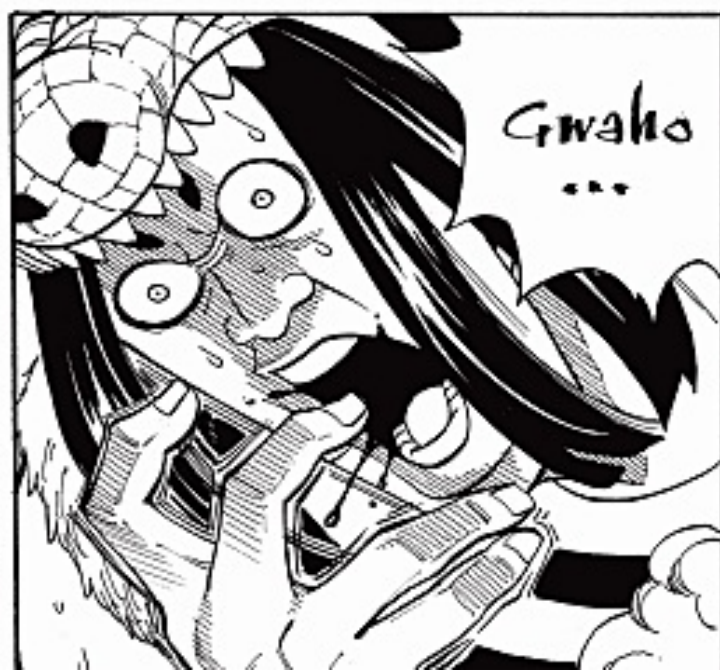
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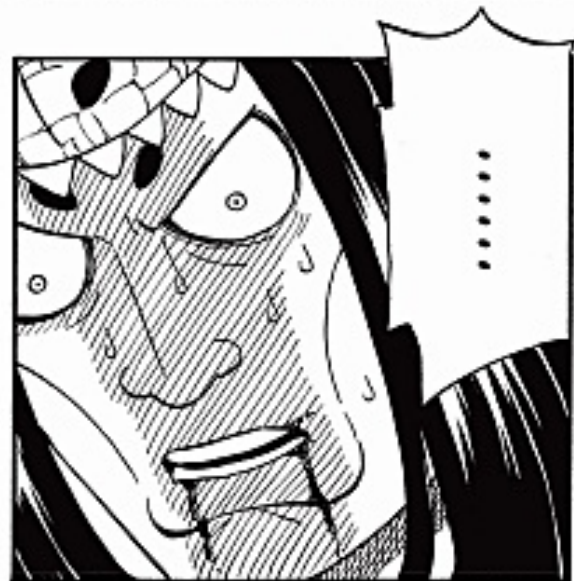
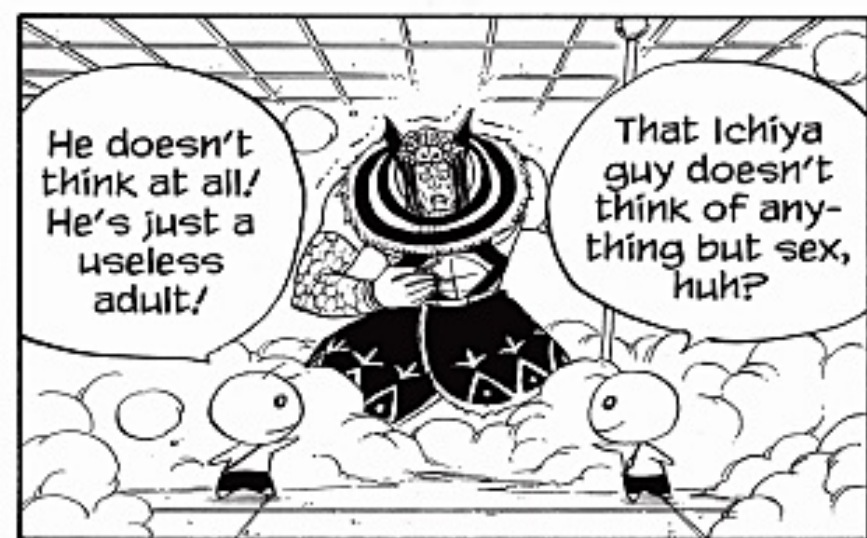
SNIFF

Ichiya-
dono, what
are you...
?!!!

It's a magic
perfume that
destroys an
opponent's
will to fight...
so I hear.

Wh-
What is
this terrible
smell...?!!







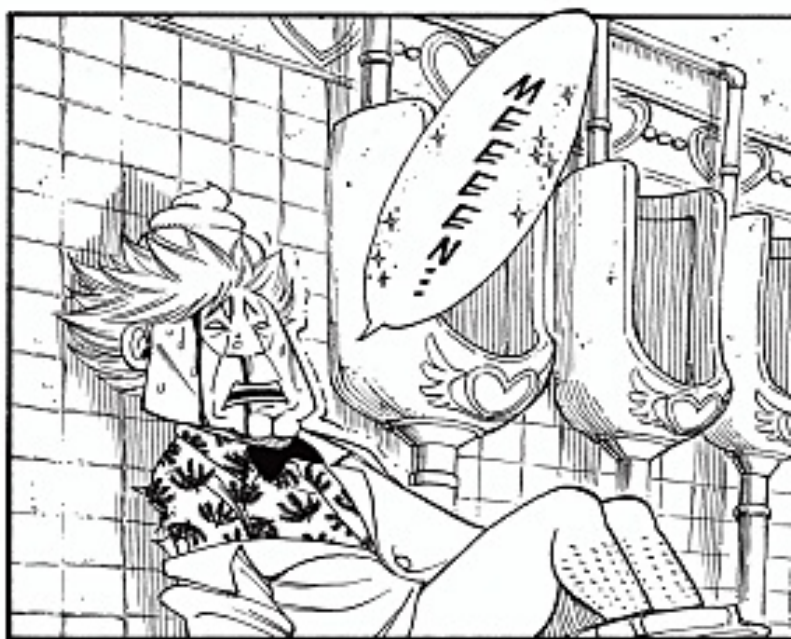
I had him copied.

And that's how I found out your entire plan.

...we even know how he thinks!

When we copy somebody...

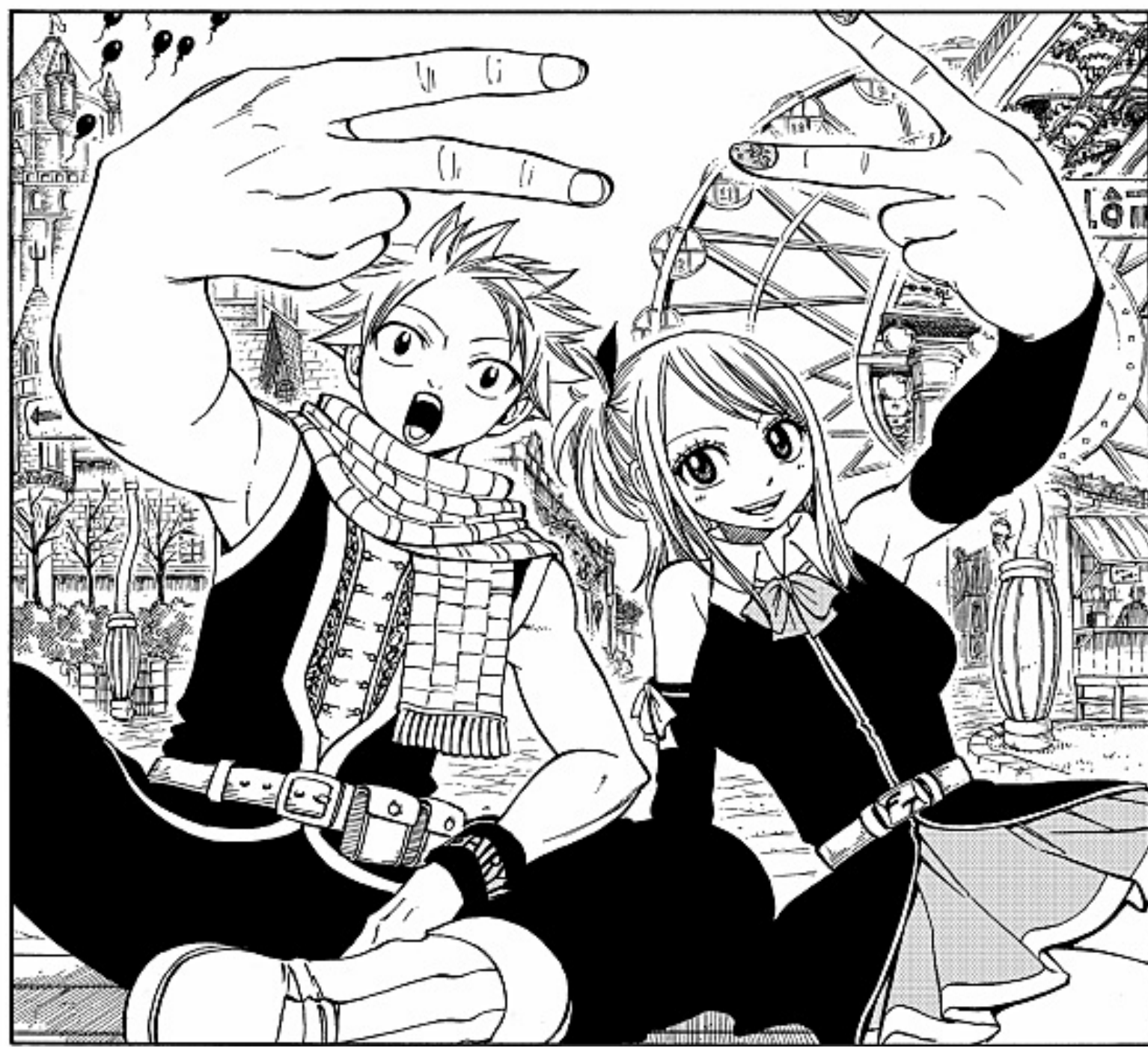
MEMBER OF THE
ORACIÓN SEIS
ANGEL

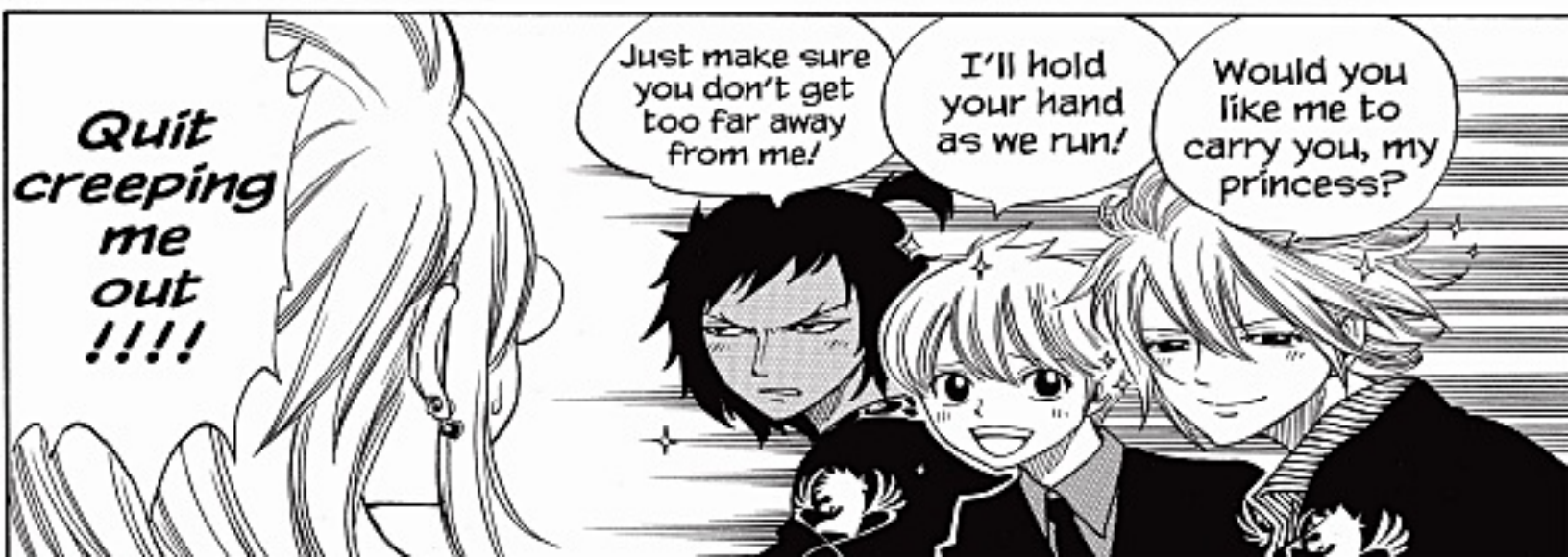


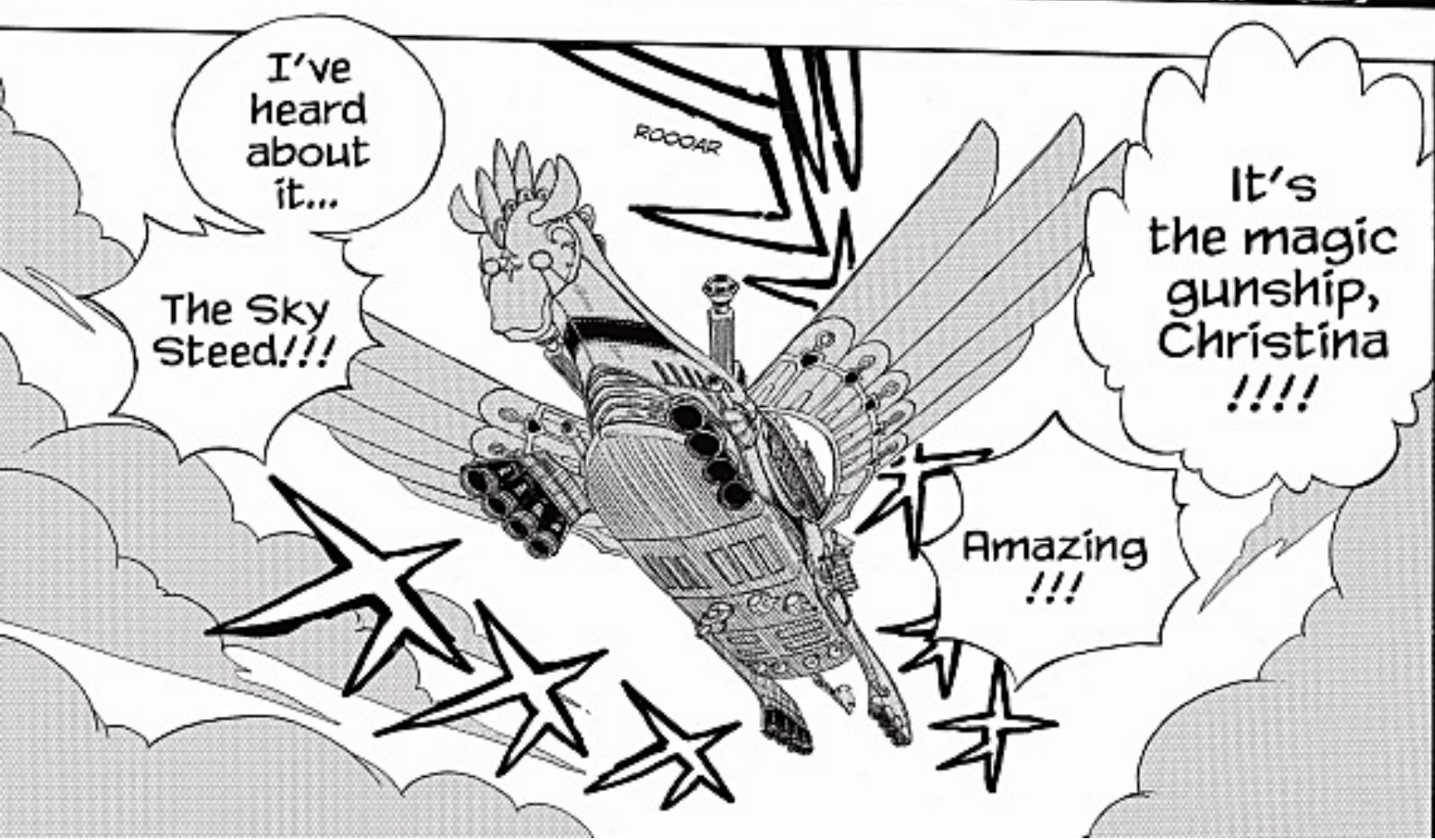
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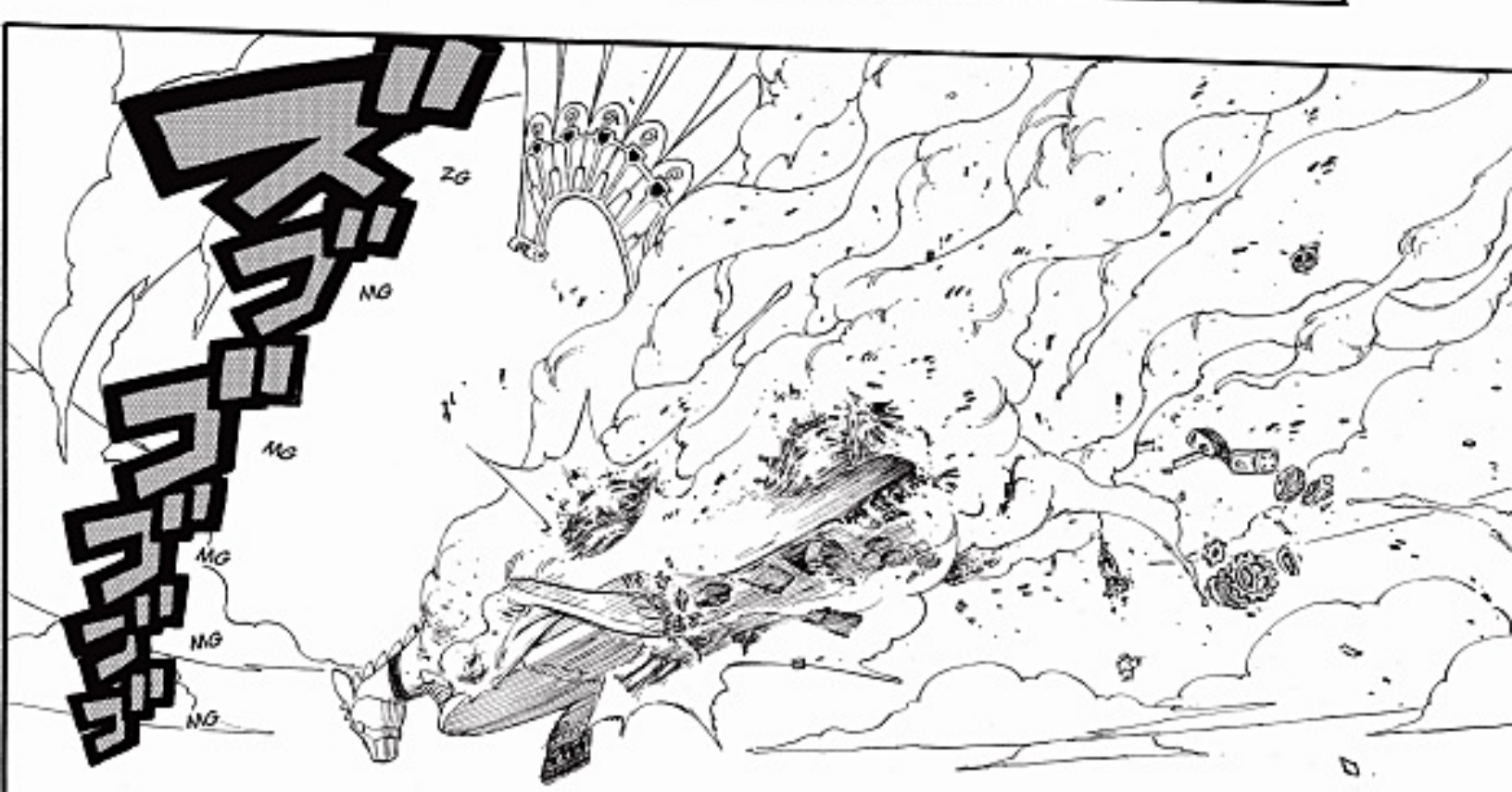
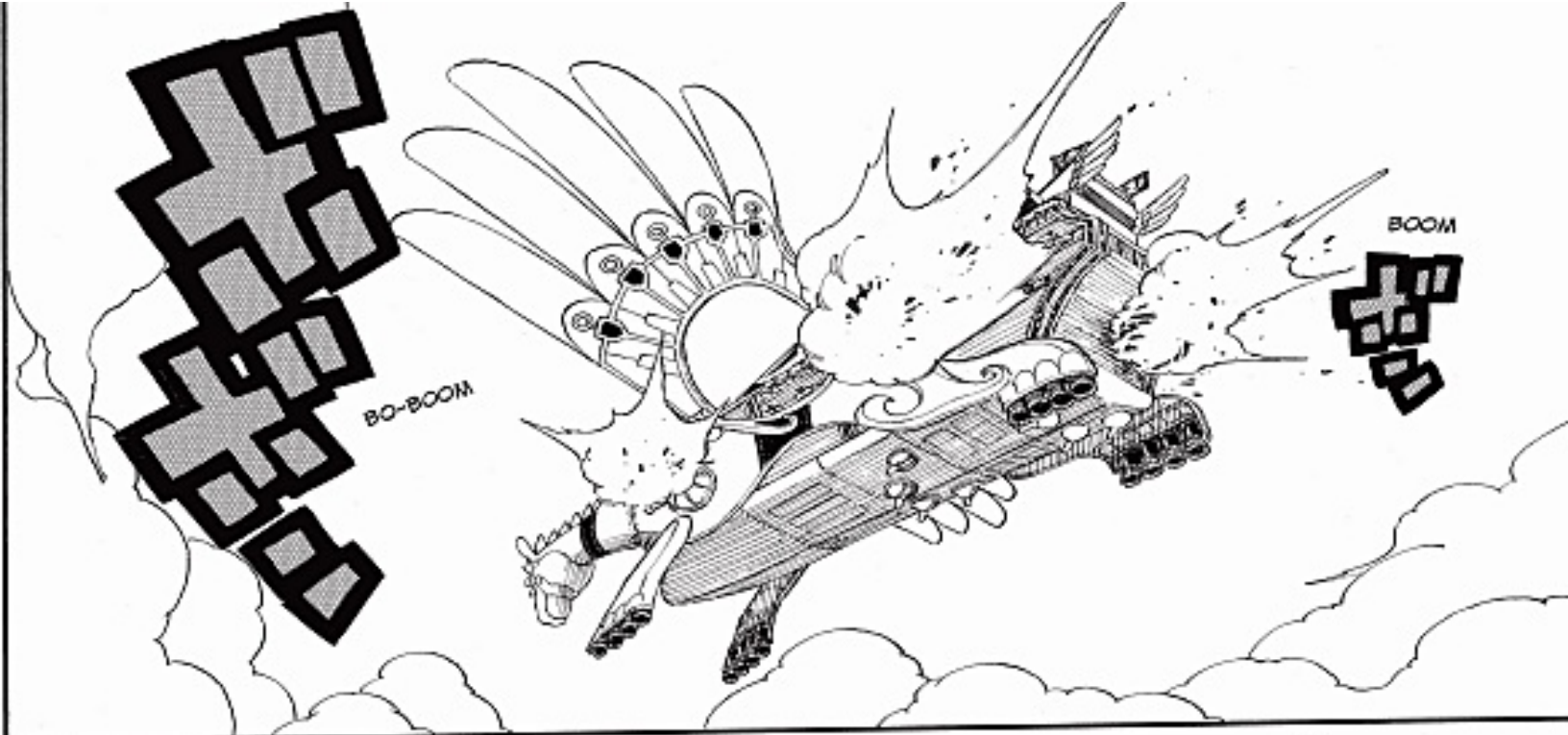
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Chapter 134: Oración Seis Appears!





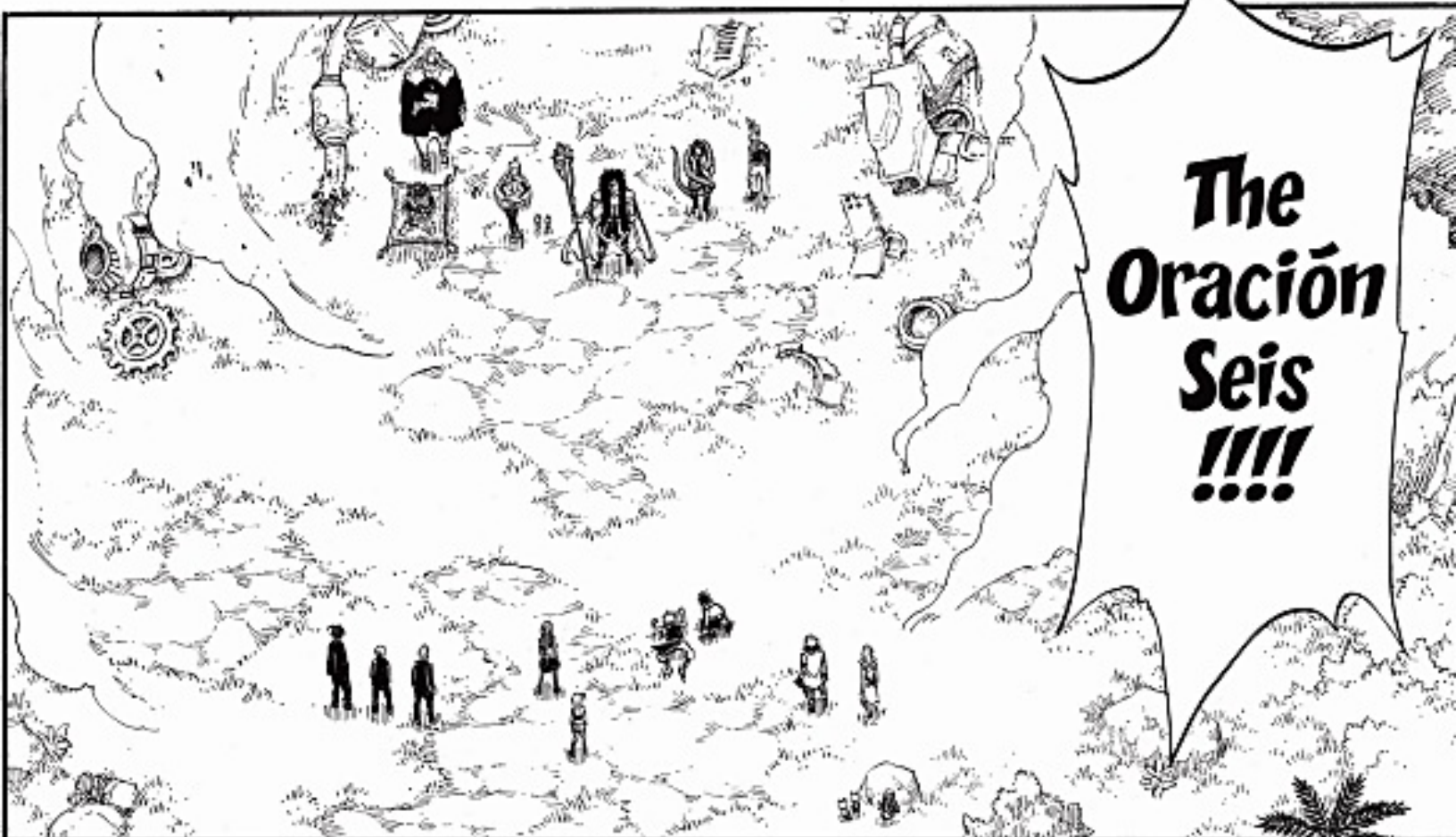
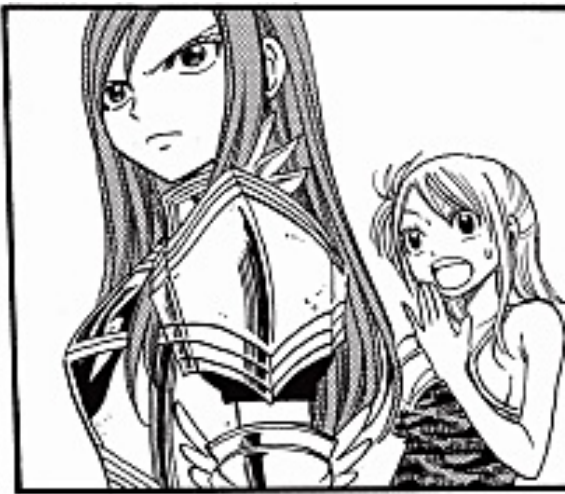
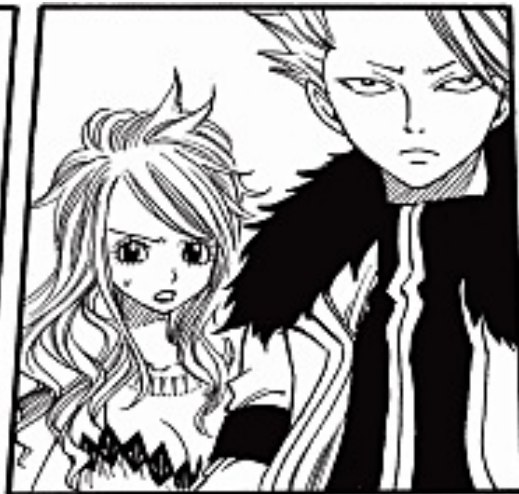




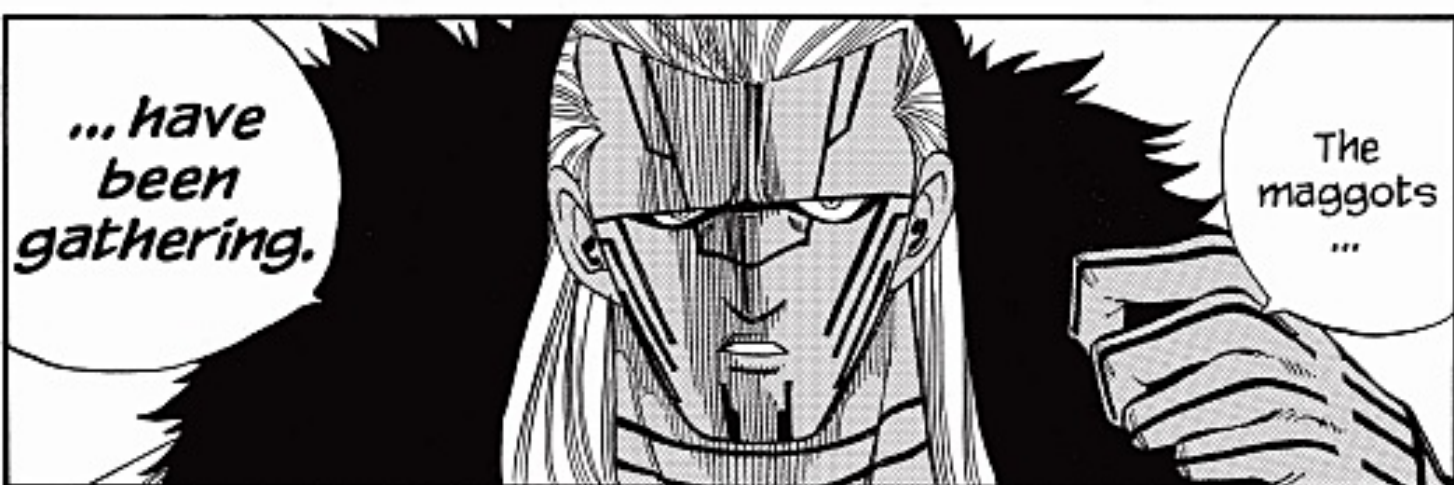








**The
Oración
Seis
!!!**



**... have
been
gathering.**

The
maggots
...



Impossible!!!



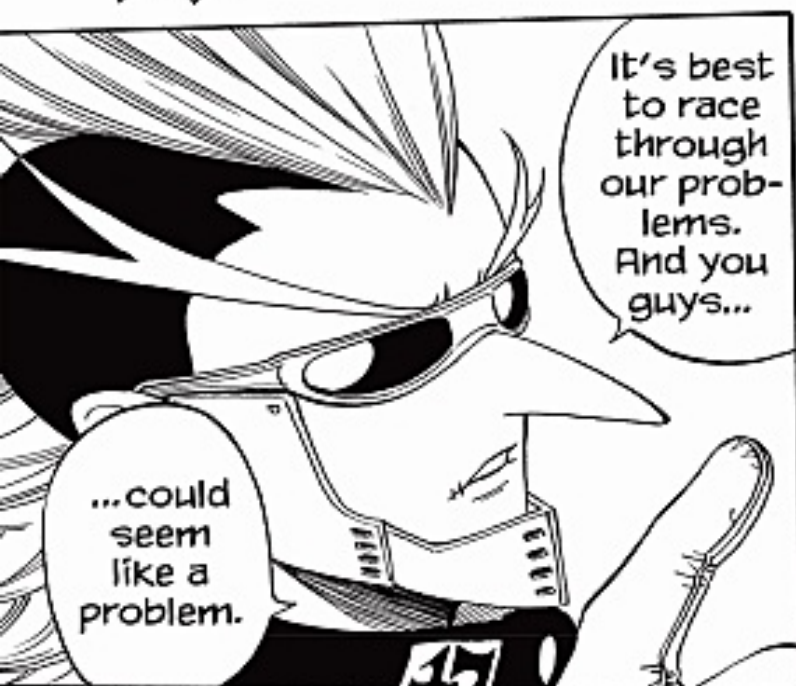
What
?!!



We've
already
taken down
Jura and
Ichiya.

What
do you
think?

We see
through
all of your
futile
plans.



It's best
to race
through
our prob-
lems.
And you
guys...

...could
seem
like a
problem.



I can
hear
it...

...your
trem-
bling!!



I never
thought
you'd come
to meet us.



I think
one of your
group is
asleep...

SNORE SNORE



I'll give
you a tip.
"Money
makes
the world
go..."

*You
shut up,
Hoteye!*

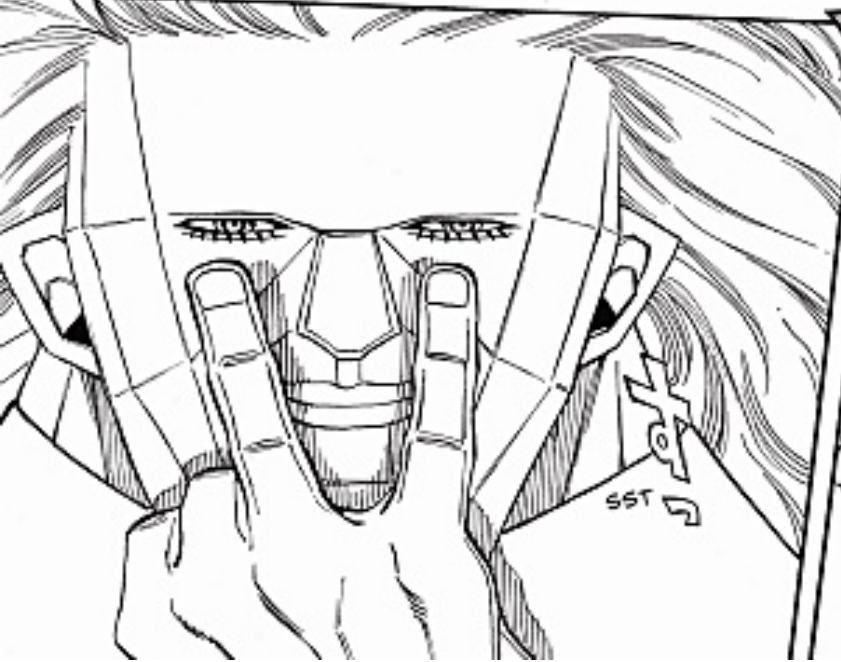
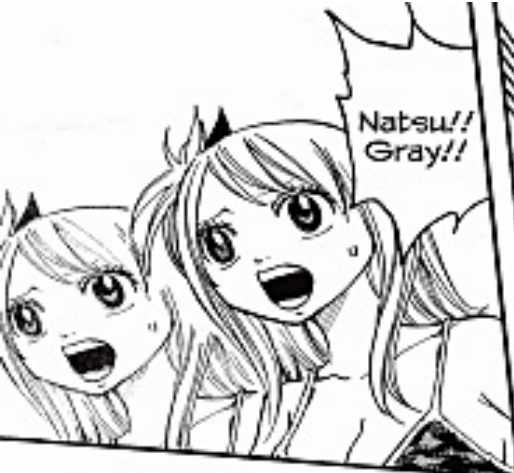
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makes
people
stronger.

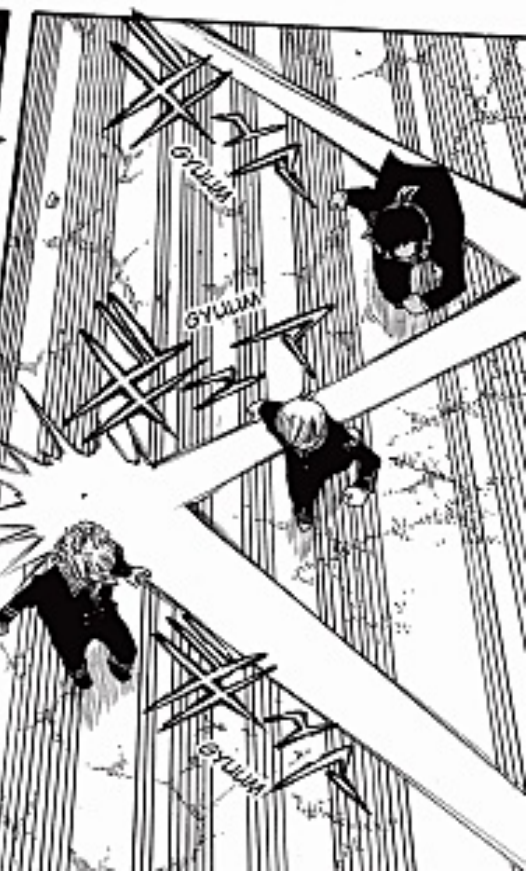
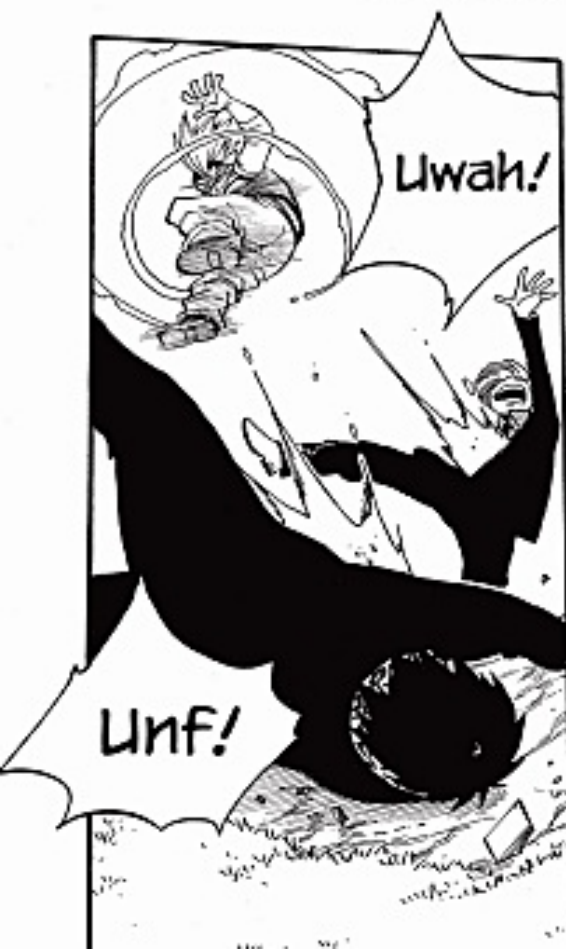
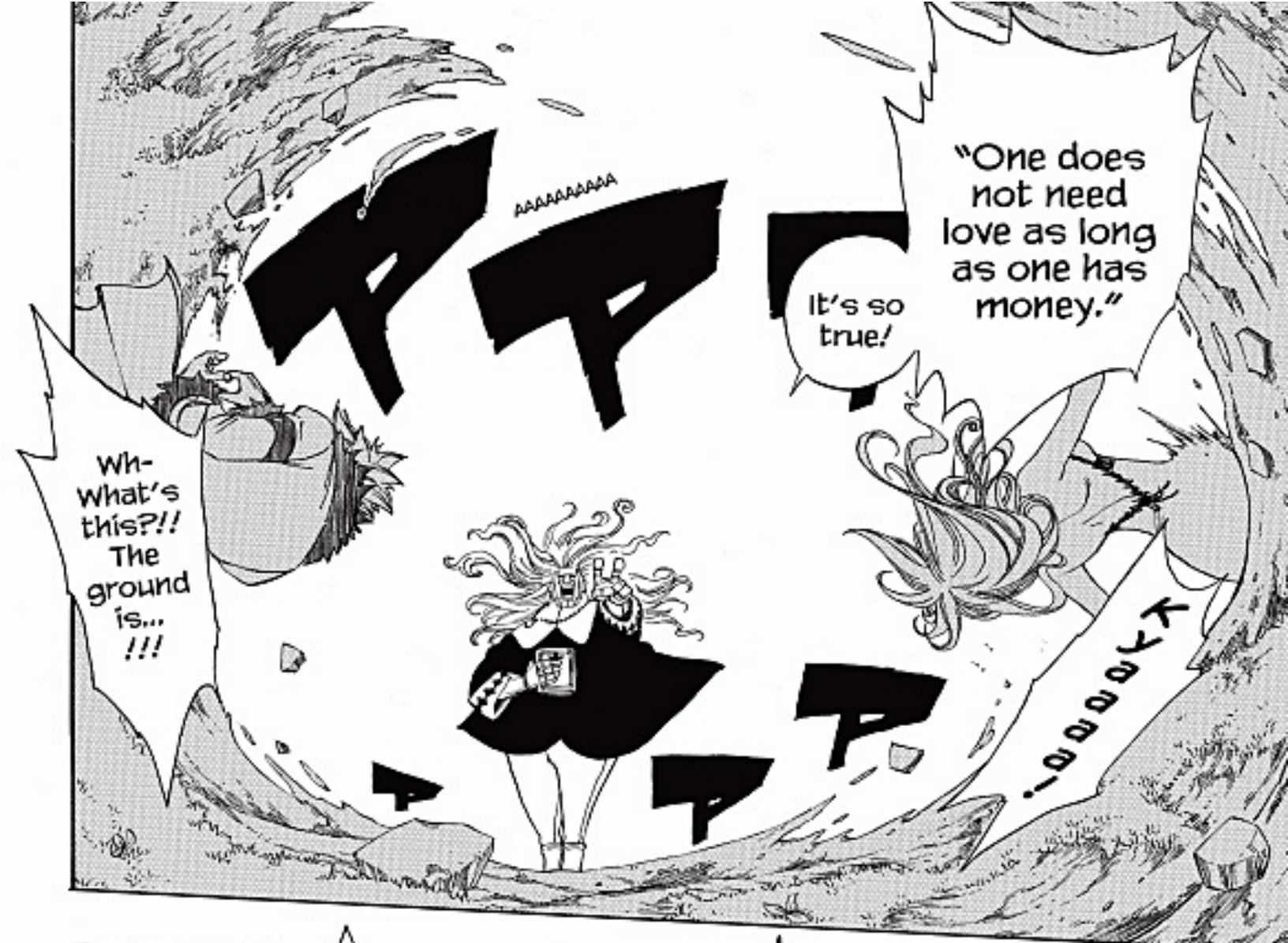
**You saved
me the
trouble of
looking for
you!!!!**

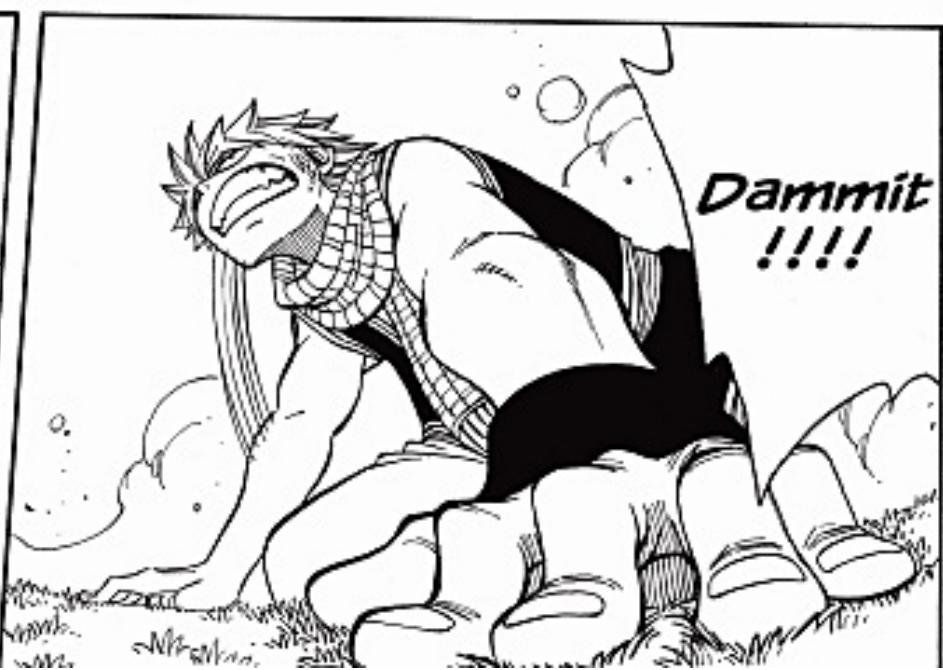
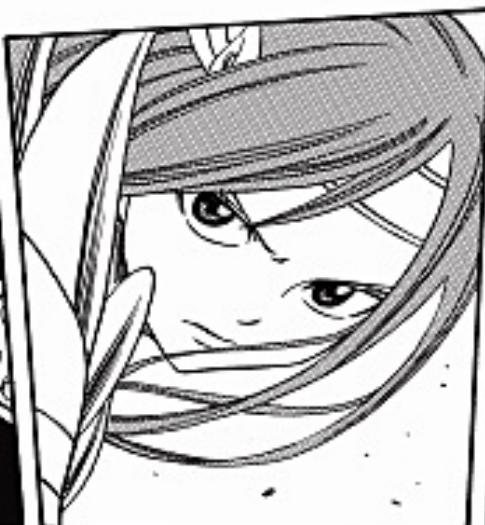


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them.**

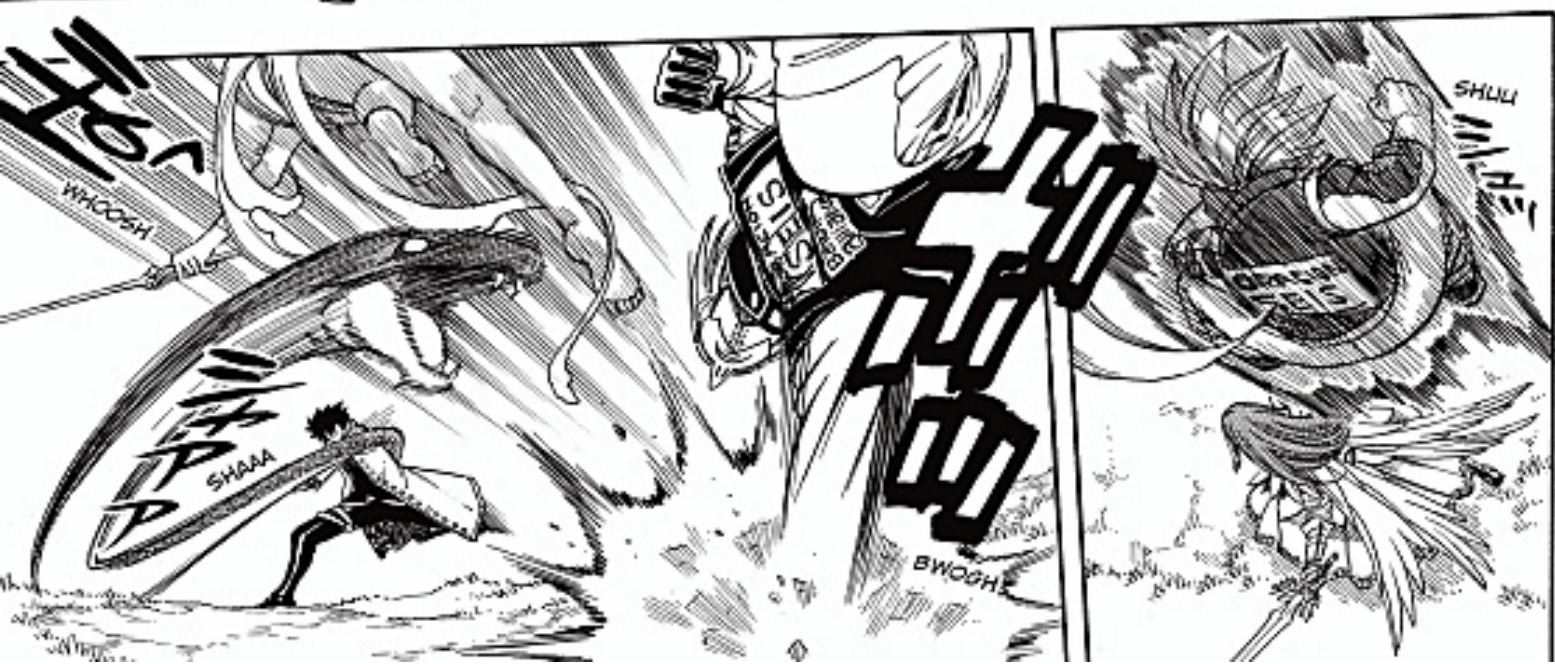












Ho... So
this is Erza
Scarlet?

HEH
+114



KH!

Do I
not?!!

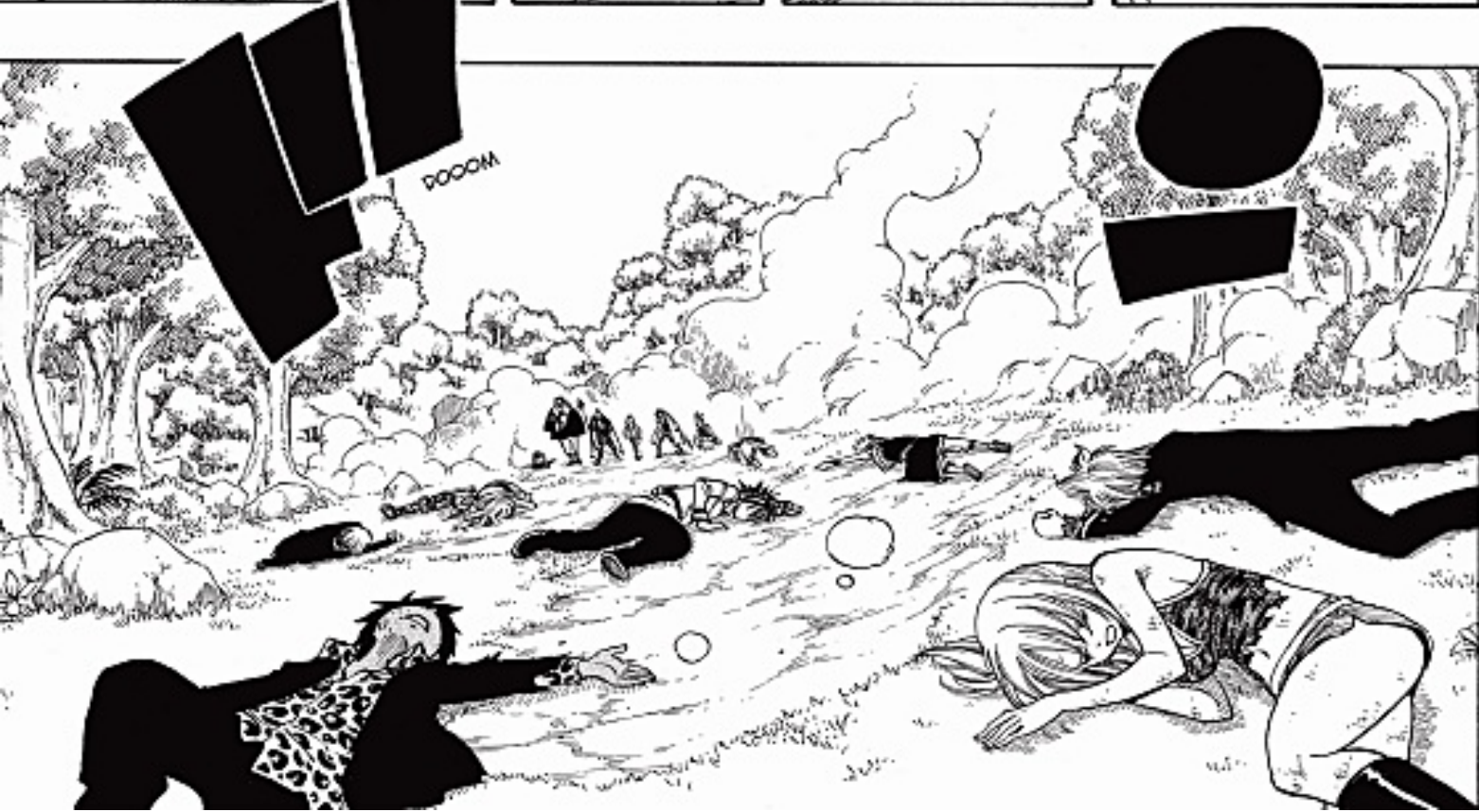
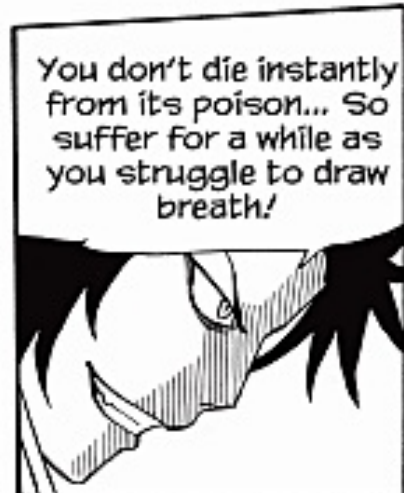
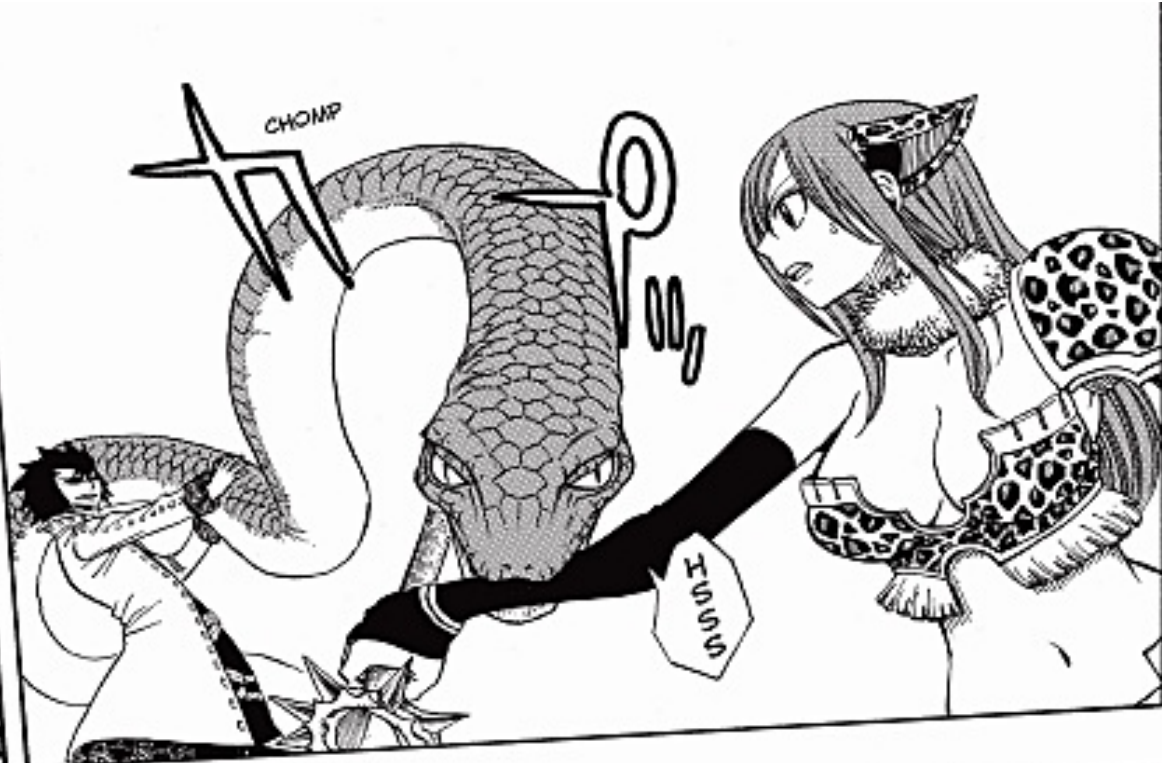
I see
you, do I
not?

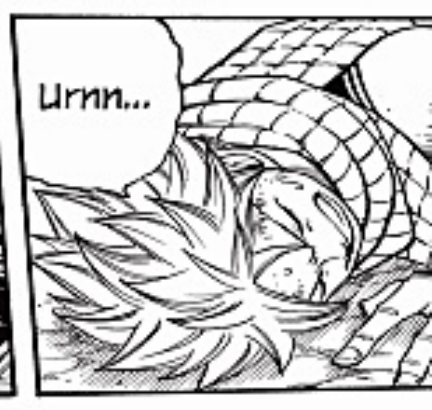
!!!

I can
hear your
move-
ment...

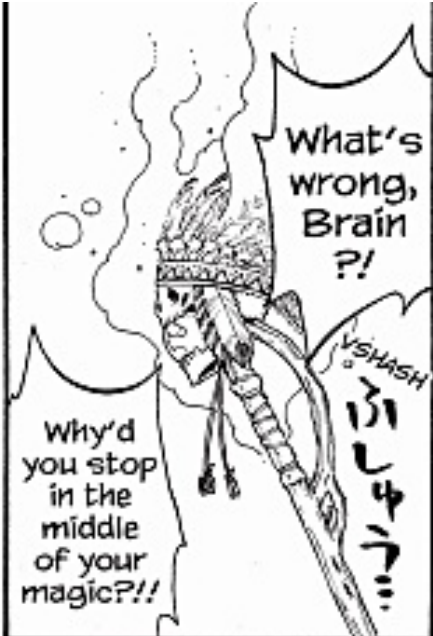
Haa
!!!

URK!









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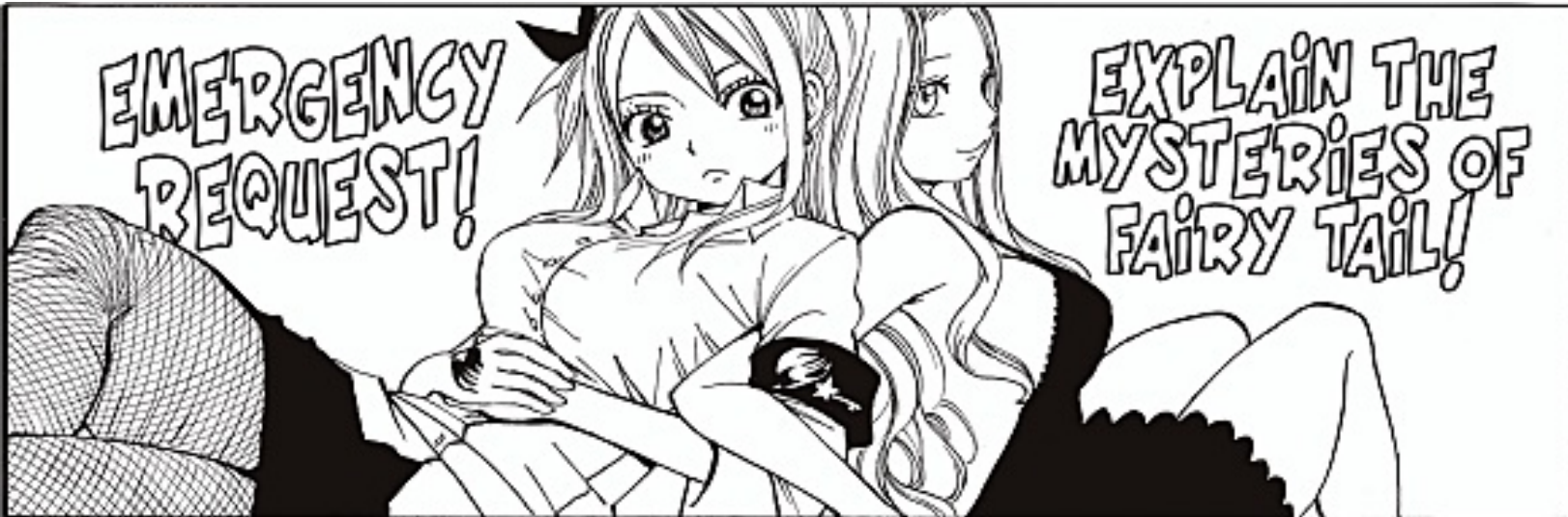


How did you like the Director's Cut version of Fantasia? I'm sure anyone who doesn't read this manga in the magazine would be asking, "What's this all about?" It's about the fact that Fantasia appeared in a different version when it was serialized in the magazine. Here, it's expanded by ten full pages! Not only extra pages, but everything has been re-edited! If you ask why I went through the pain of all that additional work, my answer is, "Because I wanted to." (Yeah, I'm an idiot.) Actually, ever since I decided to do the Laxus story arc, I was really looking forward to drawing Fantasia, and as luck would have it, I was allowed extra pages in the very issue where it would occur. The magazine gave me a full 25 pages to draw the chapter! I was pretty giddy just thinking about it! But I had to cut a lot out, or the story just wouldn't work right. I'd be muttering, "Twenty-five pages just isn't enough," all the while I was drawing it. Well, I just couldn't live without showing a version that included the lively scenes I had envisioned, so I added the pages as a Director's Cut here in the graphic novel. Yeah, I know, the story is exactly the same, but I could only think that it was a good thing to give the readers an idea of how fun Fantasia is. The original version can only be read in a magazine long out of date now. Sorry.

And with all that, we bring the Laxus story arc to an end and start a new plot. There are a lot of characters here. It's really rough to draw it all. But it's a kick to draw Lyon after all this time, and Ichiya is a really fun character, if I do say so myself. (laughs) And then there's Wendy. One member of my staff mentioned that for some reason, little girls just don't appear in my manga. (Not that I'm against it or anything.) So I thought, "I'll show 'em!" and came up with up a character there on the spot. And somehow she just became strangely popular among the people I hang with. I have to admit that as I draw her more, I've come to like her more and more as well, and now I'm getting the feeling that she just might become a key player. On another interesting subject, I had been using the term "working title" with the name Oración Seis right up to the deadline. I never actually made a final decision on their name, so the working title wound up as their real name. But keep that a secret, okay?

EMERGENCY REQUEST!

EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF FAIRY TAIL!



: Moun•tain•li•on•pooon!!!



: Hi everybody! It's time for "Emergency Request! Explain the Mysteries of FT!" again!

Lucy: This time, we're going to give you the straight answers!

Mira: Here's the first question.

I see these two all the time. Who are they?



Lucy: You do see them every now and again in the guild scenes.

Mira: They're proper guild members! On the left is Joey Fullborn. And on the right is Wan Chanjii.



: That Joey guy... Don't you think he's a little overly macho?



: On top of that, he loses his teeth a lot. It's fun to try to find them.

Lucy: A guy who loses his teeth a lot...?

Mira: On to the next question.

During the Tower of Heaven story, Lucy called Cancer (can only call on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays) along with Aquarius (can only call on Wednesdays). They should never have been able to be called on the same day. What's the meaning of this?



Lucy: Ohh... About that... Actually, the days of the week in the contracts can change. As the trust between myself and my celestial spirits strengthens, the number of days I can call them can increase as well.

Mira: Really? So since you can call Loke at any time of the day or night, your trust level with him is at maximum, huh?



: Yeah...maybe... If you say so. I can't really say myself.

Mira: What about Plue?

Lucy: Oh, Plue is a call-at-any-time spirit now. I can call Plue whenever, and he'll come.

Mira: Good! Then let me borrow Plue, okay?

Lucy: Eh?



: I hear Plue is good for stiff shoulders.



: Never!!

Mira:

And here we have the next question.

Lucy's Father said his company was bought, but even so, he lost all of his personal possessions. That seems a little strange to me.



Lucy: Hey, that's one smart questioner...!

Mira: That's true. In present days, most companies use money out of the company's own budget, so even if the company should collapse, it wouldn't be something the president would lose his personal possessions over.

Lucy: So you're saying that in his case, he risked his own personal money to keep his company's budget going?

Mira: That's how it'd go. It's likely that his company wasn't in as good a financial condition as you would have thought, Lucy.



: Father...

Mira: Ah... I'm sorry. I'm sure he must have always worked hard at his job. Even if he named you on a whim.



: Did you really need to say that?!!

Mira: And on to the final question.

Mystogan... Just who is he anyway?



Lucy: You mean from that scene in Volume 15? You know, I'm burning with curiosity over that myself!!

Mira: Yes... I'm curious too.

Lucy: Tell me, Mira-san! What did he mean by, "The other..."?!

Mira: "The other" means a different one of a certain subset of items. Aside from that, I haven't a clue.



: And the one guy who did know, Laxus, isn't here anymore...



: So let's just look forward to the final reveal of the answer when it happens!♡



: I guess that's the answer!

Mira: ...So, Lucy... You're going to lend me Plue?

Lucy: What's that all about?! I don't want him used in some weird massage!

Mira: Nothing like that!
I'm doing research on what the voice of a mountain lion sounds like.

Lucy: *But Plue is a dog!!!*
And even so, his voice sounds nothing like a dog either...



: And so, see you all next time! Moun•tain•li•on•poon, woof woof!!!



: Mountain **LION**. It's one of the big cats! Wait, I said that last time...

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FAIRY GUILD

REJECTION CORNER



Yuno Maraka

▲ But strangely, I like his expression a lot.

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FAIRYTAIL



Osaka, Rinochan

▼ It's actually pretty rare to get a Gray/Lucy combo picture.



Saitama Prefecture, Rina Shimada

▼ They were in the background in Volume 13. Now where have I seen them before...



Saitama Prefecture, Momi

▼ For some reason I got a lot of postcards with Bickslow on it. I guess he just made people want to draw.



Niigata Prefecture, Rairi

▼ Well drawn! I really like Lucy's expression!



Hokkaido, Mashima-sensei's Biggest Fan

▼ Natsu and Erza both turned into Pua!



Gifu Prefecture, Suni

▼ What did you think of Fairy Tail? The bonds between the Master and Laxus.

TAIL d'ART

The Fairy Tail Guild d'Art is an explosion of fan art! Please send in your art drawn in black pen on large postcard stock!! Those chosen to be published will get a signed mini poster! ♪ Make sure you write your real name and address on the back of your postcard!



Kōchi Prefecture, Tomoki Takahashi

► Everybody's got such great smiles! When I see a drawing like this, I just feel happy!



Ishikawa Prefecture, Mamoru-tai

► Oh hey! That's cool... Although he was originally planned as a kind of dumb-guy character...



Kanagawa Prefecture, Kenta Noro

► This person claims to be rooting for Gajeel. Well this time he got a quiet-but-very-good role in the story!



Aichi Prefecture, Yuzu-hime

► This Natsu is sort of cool, huh?



Saitama Prefecture, Yuko Fujimoto

► Scary! But it looks good on her, so I'm impressed!



Nagano Prefecture, Kumousagi

► Just recently a "sempai" of mine said, "Luvia's great! Put her in more often!"



Kagoshima Prefecture, Serino Ueyama

► Oh ho! Come to think of it, she was like that a long time ago, huh?



Fukuoka Prefecture, Fumika Kumazawa

► Happy's full of energy! I wonder where he's going riding the wind like that!

Translation Notes:

Page 91, Ebi

As mentioned in Volume 2, *ebi* is Japanese for "shrimp." *Kani* is Japanese for "crab." In most children's books and manga, crab characters end their sentences with the sound, *kani*. This sounds fun and is easy for Japanese children to imitate. As Cancer is a crab, it would be expected for him to end his sentences with *kani* as well, but as a comic switch, he ends his sentences with the sound *ebi* instead.

Page 116, Oración Seis, Grimoire Heart and Tartaros

In the Japanese version, each of the three dark guilds in the Balam Alliance had names made up of *kanji* with the western names used as pronunciation guides. The *kanji* for Oración Seis means "Six Demon Generals," *kanji* for Grimoire Heart means "Devil's Heart," and for Tartaros means "Gates of Hell."

Page 132, Tsudere

Tsundere is a word coined within the past decade for characters who pretend to be annoyed and unfeeling toward another character whereas they are actually madly in love. The word comes from two onomatopoeic words, *tsun* *tsun*, the sound of poking someone, and *dere* *dere*, the sound of cuddling. Female *tsundere* characters have become very popular in anime.



Page 136, Meeeen

A popular use of the English word "men" in Japan is in the word *ikemen* (the word for good looking men). Ichiya's cry also looks like the Japanese sound for a sheep's bleat.

Page 139, Pretty!

In Japanese, he used the word *ike* which is the first part of "*ikemen*" (see above note). A translation for *ikemen* might be, "pretty boy."

Page 150, -dono

The suffix, *-dono*, is an archaic word that means approximately the same as the present use of *-sama*. It is a very respectful honorific taken from the Japanese word for Edo-period lords.

Page 150, Orange juice

Whereas OJ is a great breakfast drink for people of any age in the U.S., in Japan orange juice (as well as any other sweet soft drink) is considered a children's drink. Even drinks like bottled sweetened ice café au lait and milk tea are given the generic term of "juice" (*jūsu* in Japanese) and are considered drinks for children.



Page 183, Dark Rondo

In Italian, "rondo" means "round-about." But in music, it refers to a musical theme that appears several times over the course of a musical composition.

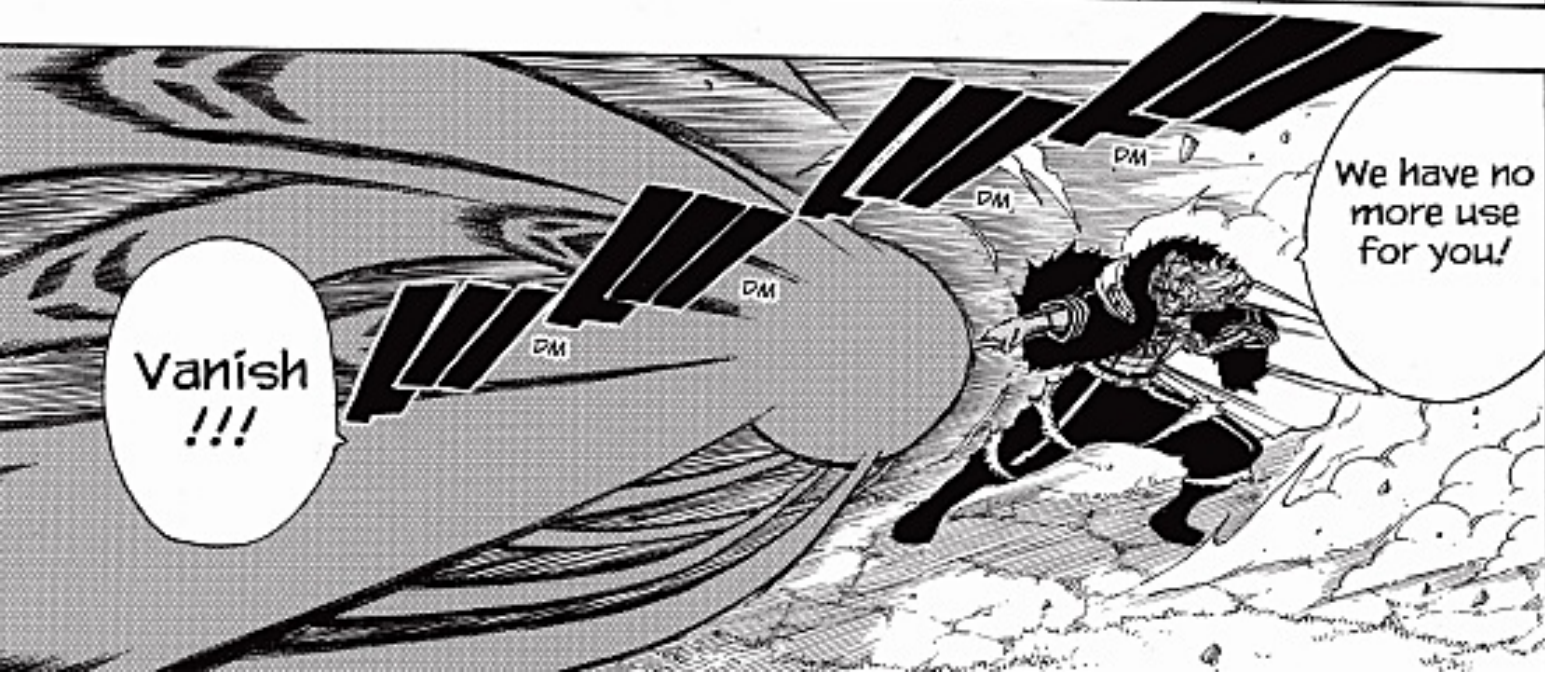
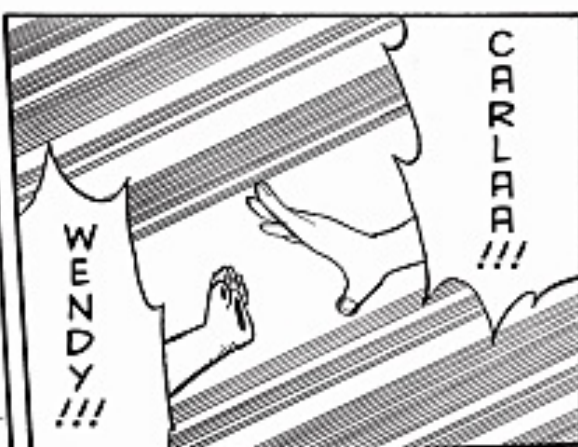


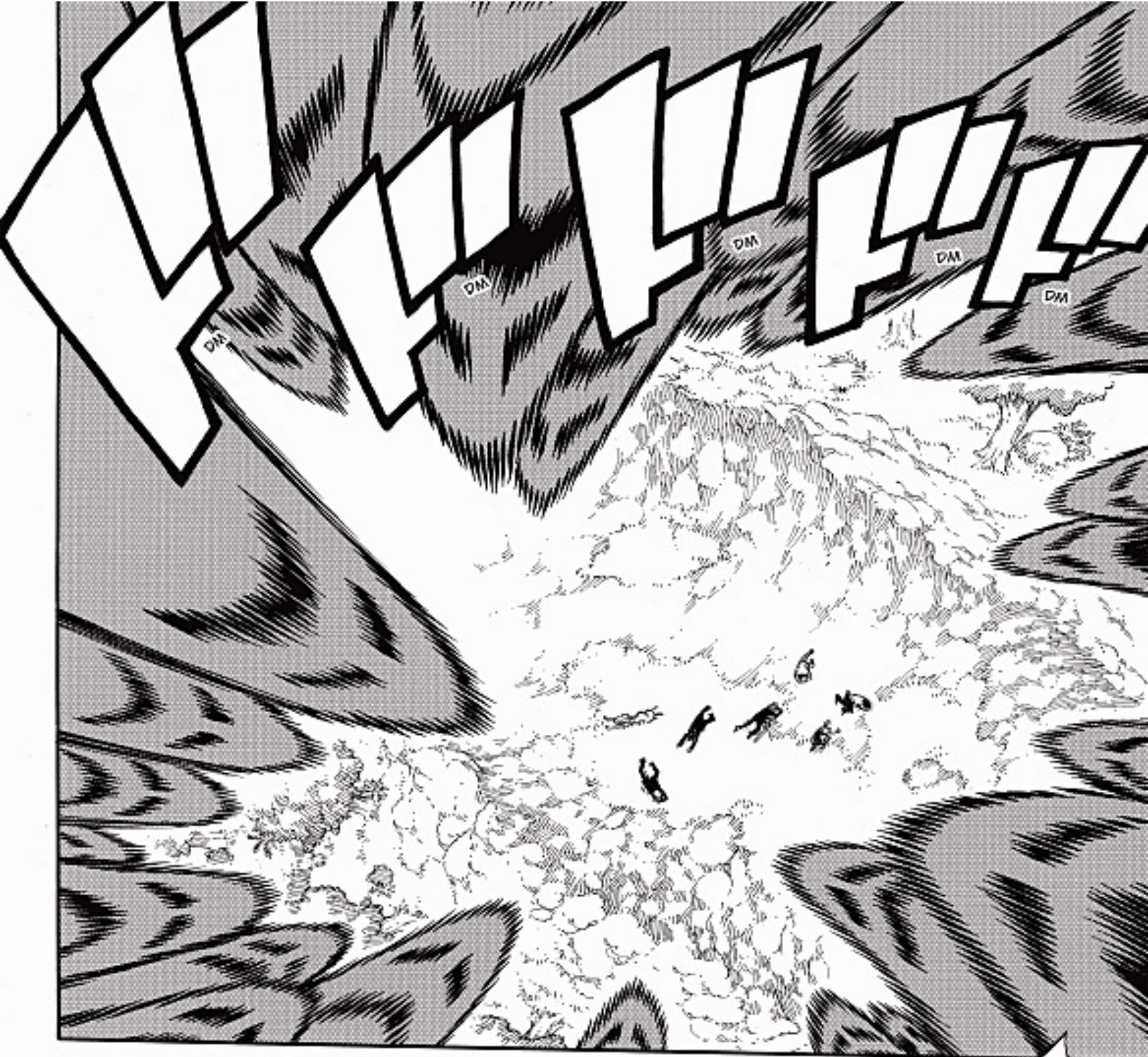
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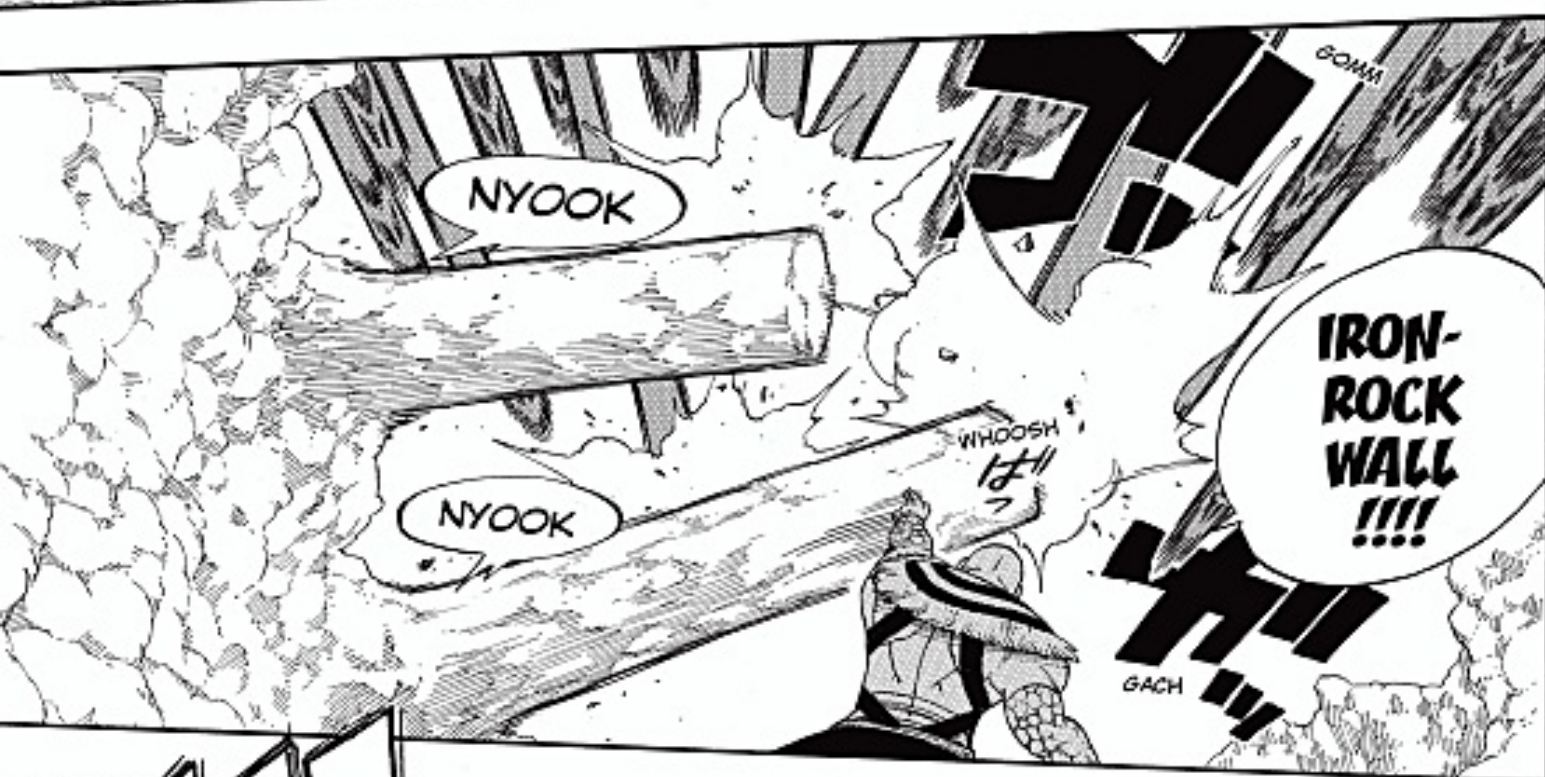
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Where
are they
?!!



That
was
amaz-
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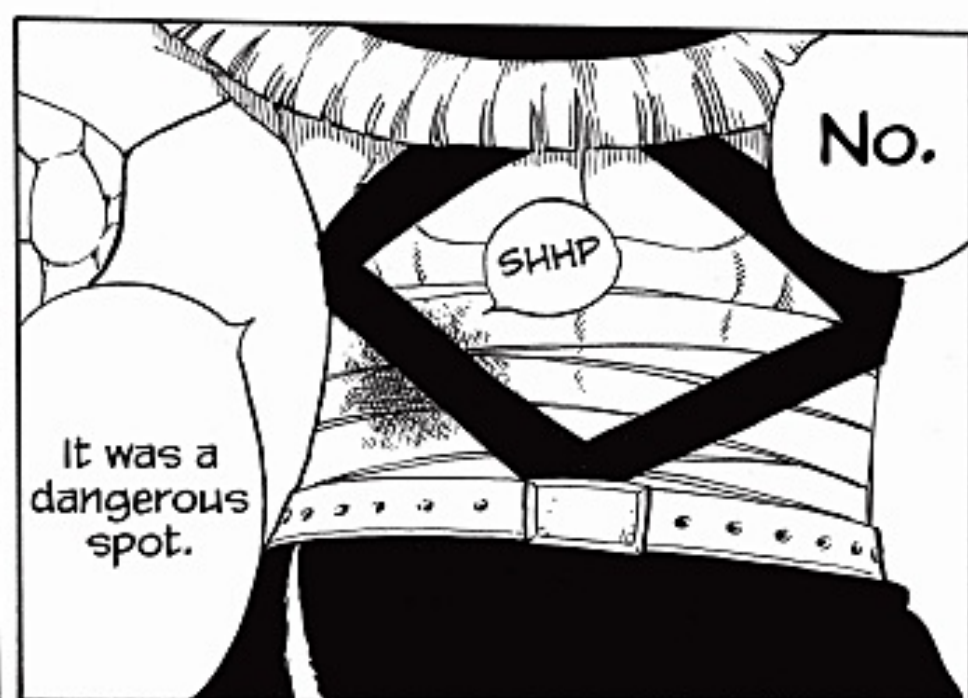
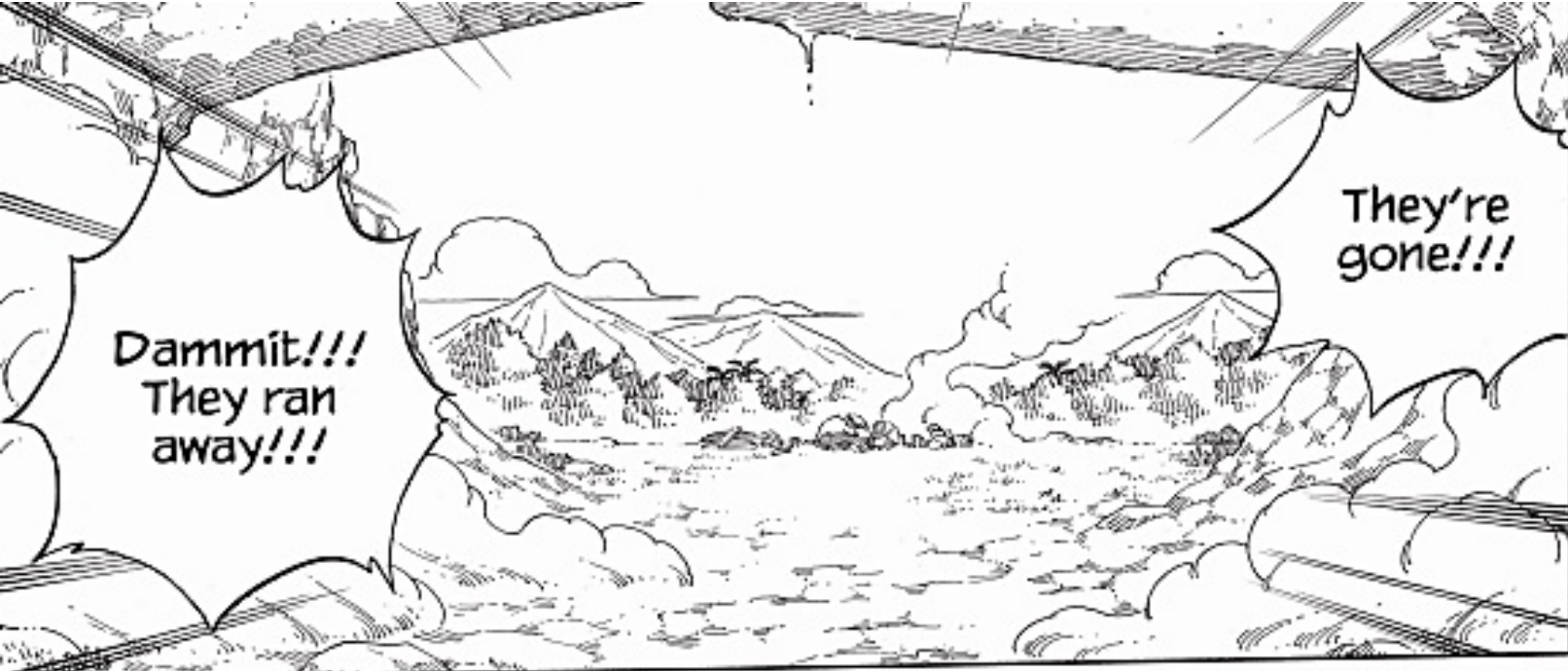
You
saved us.
Thank
you.

And a
no-hidden-
meaning
"thank you"
to you too.



Oooh!
So smooth
and shiny!

Jura-
sama
!!!





The Oración Seis fled just as we were arriving. They must have been scared!

You're falling apart!

I was able to fight through it using Ichiya-dono's temporary "*Pain Relieving Perfume.*"



My pain...is gradually fading away...



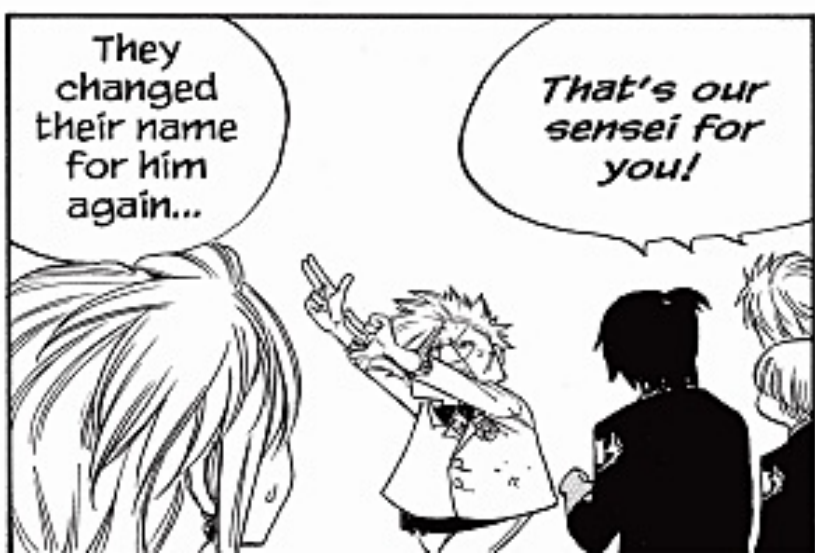
It smells nice!



Everyone partake of my Pain Relieving Perfume!

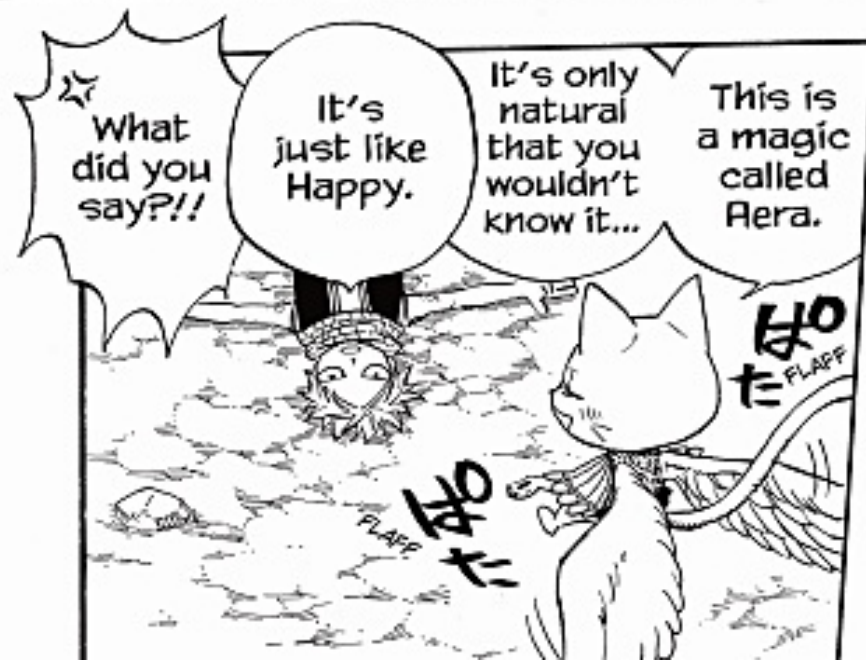


They took... Wendy and Happy...



They changed their name for him again...

That's our sensei for you!

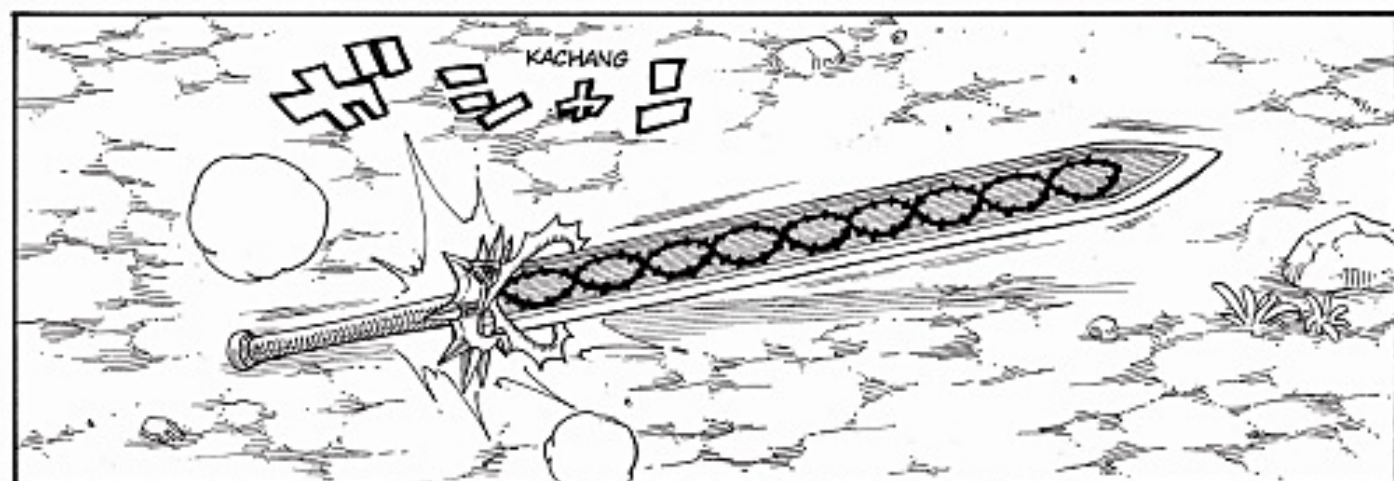
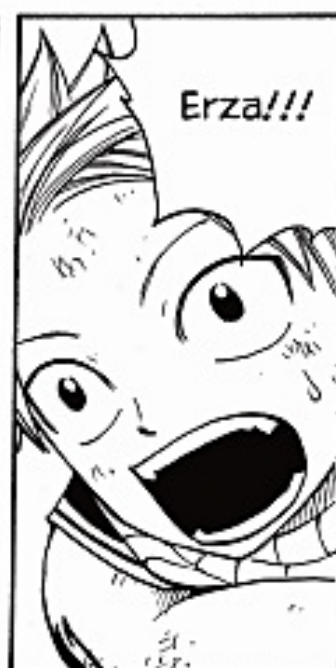
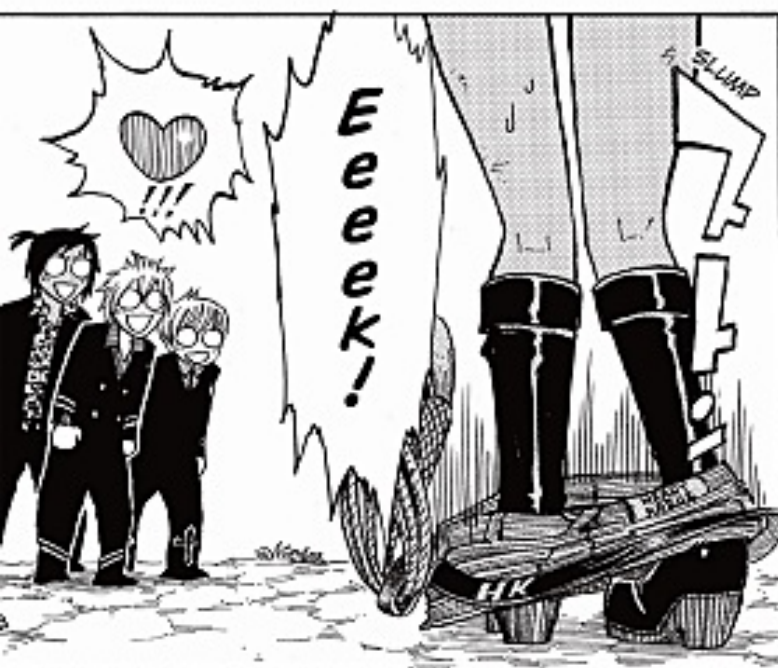


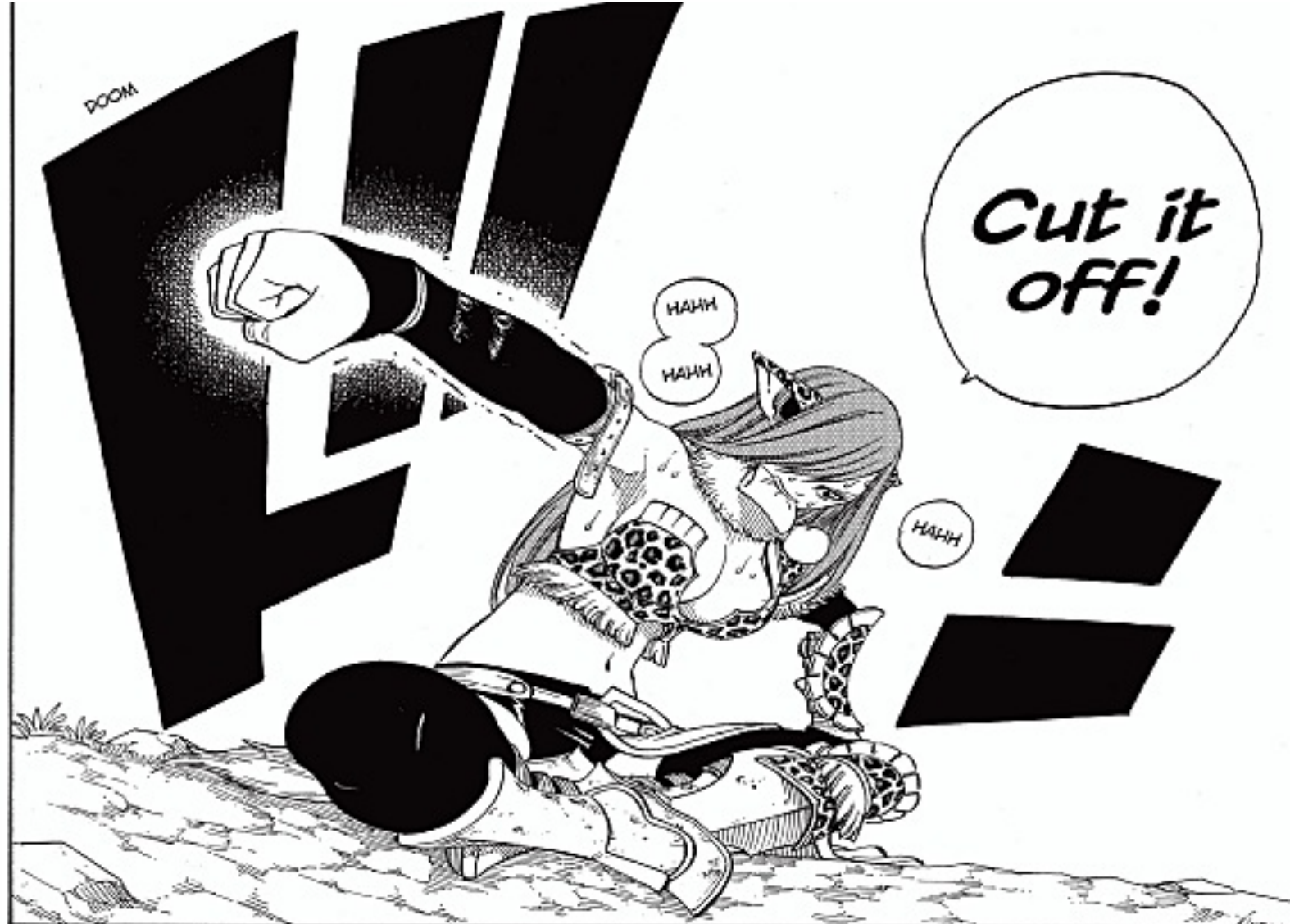


...I think we all realize that this enemy is not one we should face without a plan.

In any case, while losing Wendy and the male cat is upsetting...







What kind of stupid idea is that?!



Understood. I'll do it.





I'm saying there may be another way, so don't take the first simple-minded solution that comes to you!

You cretin! Are you saying that her *arm* is more important than her *life*?

This is bad!! If we don't do something, the poison in her body...

Erza!!!

Ah...



Wendy
could save
her.

We should
combine our
strength
and save
Wendy!

And
maybe
that male
cat along
the way.

This is no
time for
squabbling
among
allies.



Healing
Magic...? isn't that one
of the lost
magics?

Does
that have
anything to
do with this
"Priestess
of the Sky"
thing?

It isn't just
"anti-venom."
She can break
fevers, relieve
pain and heal
wounds.

U-Um...
But what
does that
leave
me to
do...?

That's
amaz-
ing!

So that girl
has some
anti-venom
magic?





**She is a
sky dragon
slayer.**

**Sky
Dragon
Wendy.**

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